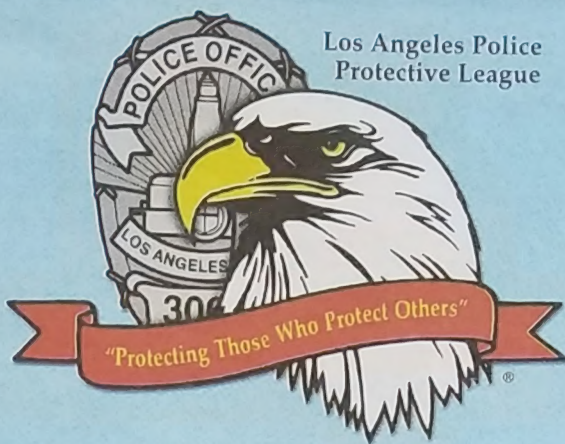


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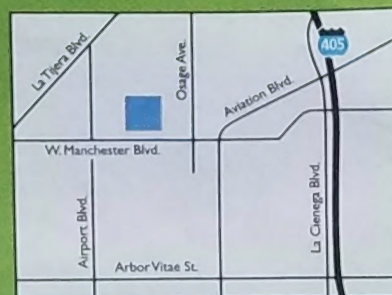
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COMMUNITY MUST TAKE ROLE IN PREVENTING OFFICER ATTACKS

Bob Baker, President

"Routine patrol ended with an ambush and two members of the patrol wounded." Unfortunately, this is not a news bulletin from Iraq; rather it is the headline reflecting a new and disturbing criminal trend that has increasingly become a threat to the Los Angeles Police Department during the past year: unprovoked attacks on police officers.

With an occurrence unparalleled in LAPD history, officers were repeatedly attacked while on routine patrol in 2003, although there has been little media attention or community activism on the issue.

LAPD officers were fired upon without warning 40 times last year, compared with 29 assaults with firearms on officers reported in 2002. These are not exchanges of gunfire between criminals and officers — these are cold-blooded attempts to murder unsuspecting officers without any warning.

One of the latest incidents occurred in the early morning hours of December 14, when suspected gang members fired on two officers patrolling the Watts area. Both ended up in the hospital — one was treated and released, the other stayed overnight — and one of the suspects in the incident was seriously wounded.

Whatever the motivation for these attacks, their frequency and brazenness should be cause for major concern. Local hoodlums are becoming so bold

as to step out and fire on police officers without the benefit of cover, and in the presence of witnesses.

No less troubling is that no citizens are stepping forward with information on what parties are responsible for these attempted assassinations. These attacks have evoked nothing but a roar of silence. Not outrage, not activism, not action — nothing.

Where is the moral leadership in Los Angeles? Will it take the murder of a police officer before the community responds? Would the community even react to that outrage? Will our community take an active role in seeking out those who are targeting police officers with their violent intentions?

The LAPD isn't the only law enforcement agency affected. On November 15, Burbank Police Officer Matthew Pavelka was murdered, and the suspect in the killing, David A. Garcia, escaped. Officer Pavelka and Officer Gregory Campbell were greeted by a volley of gunfire as they approached Garcia's vehicle in a hotel parking lot. Local police agencies and the Burbank community banded together to find Garcia and ensure he faced prosecution for this horrific crime.

Officer Pavelka is the only Burbank police officer ever murdered in the Department's 82-year history. We have not been as fortunate — 196 LAPD officers have been killed in the line of duty

since the Department was formed more than 100 years ago. Chief Bratton believes that there is no other U.S. municipal police force whose officers routinely face so much violence directed at them.

The silence of the public and our community leaders must not continue in the face of these assaults. Public safety requires a strong two-way partnership between the LAPD and the community. We need the support of the community to help pinpoint problems and resolve issues that are of concern to us.

In turn, the community must show more support for our officers before it's too late and another tragedy occurs. Despite the dangers they face, our officers never back down from trouble and they always put the safety of others above their own. Who else do you know that is willing to put their lives on the line for total strangers?

The Los Angeles Police Protective League, in conjunction with the LAPD, is calling on the community — and particularly community leaders — to help us apprehend those responsible for these senseless attacks on LAPD officers during the past year. Our concern lies not only with the danger presented to the officers targeted by these attacks, but also to the communities in which they occur.

We know that someone, somewhere, saw something or heard someone brag about these cowardly acts. This information must be reported, so that these criminals can be apprehended and officers can continue to do their jobs of protecting the community without the threat of continued unprovoked attacks.

The community leaders of the areas in which these senseless shootings have occurred must take a leadership role on this important issue and urge local residents to report any information they think might be helpful in these investigations. We cannot allow these attacks to continue.

We help the community in times of need; we need the community and all community leaders to step forward and help us when our officers are in need and in danger. Public safety, and our lives, depend on it.

Since this piece was originally printed in the *Daily News* in December, the call has continued to go unheeded. We need the support of our community in order to stop this cycle of attacks and empower our neighborhoods to fight back against the criminals who threaten them and our officers. The League will continue to speak out on your behalf about this issue, and continue to seek a satisfactory resolution to these unwarranted attacks. ♦

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Legal Update

In the very near future, the League will be having another open enrollment in the Enhanced Legal Program. Over half of the League's membership belongs to the Enhanced Legal Plan. I highly encourage all that do not belong to the Enhanced Plan to join! It is protection you cannot be without! The following are facts and statistics of the League's Legal Claims Unit.

The League's Legal Claims Unit had approximately 1,225 claims filed by League members for attorney services from January 1st, 2003 through December 2003. 511 officers were sent out to panel attorneys for one-hour consultations on disciplinary matters. 370 officers were approved for panel attorney representation at personnel complaint interviews. 94 officers received panel attorney assistance on Skelly matters. 90 officers were provided panel attorneys for Boards of Rights. 156 officers were reimbursed for penalty days. Three officers were assigned to panel attorneys for civil matters and 11 officers received grand jury related representation. Viewed another way, approximately 15% of the League membership required legal services related to discipline last year.

The above figures are independent of the attorney representation provided by the League at Critical Incident rollouts. League attorneys responded on an emergency basis to approximately 135 rollouts last year. Each rollout usually involves an average of six or more officers who are interviewed by CIID. This means that over 800 additional officers received League attorney representation at walkthroughs and/or CIID interviews. Combined with the Claims Unit figures, better than one out of every five officers on the Department through the rank of lieutenant have been represented by League attorneys in this past year.

In addition to the above, 395 League members have received one hour director-approved referrals to panel attorneys for various legal problems in fields from family law to discrimination complaints.

In this next year, the issues facing the League legal section will undoubtedly

revolve around how the Department is going to restructure use of force investigations. Both categorical and non-categorical use of force investigation procedures are going through changes. Critical Incident Investigation Division is being transferred under Professional Standards Bureau and a new special order categorizing non-categorical uses of force into two types is being contemplated by the Department. Furthermore, changes are likely to be made in how collateral personnel complaints arising out of uses of force will be handled. All of these issues will impact the League's legal response in one way or another. The only thing constant is change.

At the Legal Unit, we are looking forward to another productive year protecting those who protect others. Below is a description of the Enhanced Legal Plan.

The Enhanced Legal Plan

- Qualifications
 - You must be a League member.
 - You must be enrolled in the Enhanced Legal Plan.
- Coverage
 - Attorney representation at a Board of Rights.
 - Attorney representation for Grand Jury appearances in the course and scope of duty.
- This also includes attorney representation at interviews with deputy district attorneys, federal prosecutors or their investigators, related to course and scope of duties.
- Attorney representation at civil proceedings for course and scope activities where the City Attorney has refused representation.
- Attorney representation at criminal proceedings for course and scope activities where the City Attorney has refused representation.
- A one-hour consultation with an attorney regarding any discipline matter.

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NAPO National Association of Police Organizations representing nearly 220,000 police officer members in 4,000 police associations nationwide.

CCLEA California Coalition of Law Enforcement Associations representing 28 California police officer associations.

SCALE Southern California Alliance of Law Enforcement representing 10 police officer associations.

BIG 11 An informal association of the 11 largest sworn law enforcement associations in the State of California.

BIG 50 An informal association of the 50 largest law enforcement associations in the United States.

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CHANGES TO THE STATE'S CONSTITUTION

Ted Hunt, Secretary

On March 2, 2004, you are going vote on changing the California Constitution. IF you vote, you will make constitutional law. IF you don't vote, you abdicate your responsibility and allow others to decide for you.

Propositions are Constitutional Amendments. Almost no one reads the Propositions which are also called initiatives. There are at least three aspects to consider when reading and analyzing any proposed law:

1. What does it say?
2. What are the likely consequences if it becomes law?
3. What unintended consequences could occur?

There are four propositions that will be on the March 2nd Ballot. They are Props 55, 56, 57 and 58. A summary from the Legislative Analyst's Office can be found on page 19.

PROP 55 School Bonds. This would set aside \$12 billion in school bonds. When the \$12 billion is added to the proposed \$15 billion in "bail out bonds" (see Prop 57), the total bonded indebtedness on which you will vote on the March ballot, will be approximately \$27 billion.

Because of the state's cumulative bonded indebtedness, supporters of

Prop 55 may postpone it until the November 2004 ballot.

PROP 56 Budget Accountability Act. Currently, in order to pass the budget and to add new taxes, a 66% majority vote is required. If approved, Prop 56 would change the vote to a 55% majority vote in order to pass the budget.

PROP 57 Economic Recovery Act. Allows the State to issue up to \$15 billion of bonds in order to finance the remaining deficit in the 2003-04 year-end General Fund. It would also pay other General Fund obligations which existed prior to June 30, 2004.

PROP 58 Balanced Budget Act. (1) Current law requires the governor to present a balanced budget and the legislature to pass a balanced budget but there is no requirement that they have to stick to it. Section 1 of this proposition would require the state to stick to the budget. But don't think this a cure all. Just like any other set of rules, there are always loopholes. (2) Section 2 requires the state to set up and keep a "rainy day" fund, and (3) the final segment restricts deficit spending. Curiously, it also eliminates the ability to have a "Prop 57" in the future.

PROP 57 and PROP 58 are double joined. That means, if one bill does not pass, they both fail. In other words, both

Prop 57 and 58 must pass or they are both null and void.

Definitions

What is the difference between **deficit** and **debt**?

A **deficit** means you are deficient or, in other words, don't have enough. The **deficit** in California is \$15,000,000,000. That means we spend a million dollars - fifteen thousand times (more than we take in).

A **debt** means that you owe something; you have incurred an obligation that you have to pay back.

Deficit spending means you spend money that you don't have and you'll have to borrow money and thereby you incur a **debt**.

Discussion

Deficits in California are not new. Governor Ronald Reagan (R) found a huge deficit in 1967 when he took over from Governor Pat Brown (D). Governor Reagan solved the deficit problem

with the largest tax increase in the history of any state at that time.

When Governor Pete Wilson (R) took the helm in 1991, he inherited a \$15 billion deficit from his GOP predecessor Governor George Deukmejian (R). Governor Wilson solved the problem by working hand-in-hand with the Democratically controlled legislature. They used a combination of deep spending cuts and increased taxes.

The *California Journal* reports that the State of California currently has a bonded indebtedness of \$47.4 billion. Of that amount, approximately \$19.4 billion is due in interest and approximately \$27.6 billion is principal. To put the debt into perspective, the each person in California owes \$812. Of the ten states with the largest populations, the California debt is about average.

Passing Prop 57 & 58 is only half of the battle. And if 57 & 58 don't pass, the

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A LOOK AT THE LAPD CONSENT DECREE

Mitzi Grasso

There are 51 million reasons for Los Angeles leaders to re-examine their continued acquiescence to the Federal Consent Decree. In an era of tight, and ever shrinking budgets, the City of Los Angeles spends \$51 million and assigns a minimum of 300 police officers to implement the consent decree it agreed to. Ironically, this occurs at the same time the major newspaper in the City continues to run stories about the thousands of unsolved homicides in Los Angeles, while noting that "overtaxed police resources" prevent assigning more detectives to unsolved homicides.

How did we get here? The United States Justice Department began probing alleged civil rights violations by the LAPD in 1996. It was handed the hammer it needed to force the current Consent Decree when the Rafael Perez scandal broke in 2000. The "confessions" by convicted felon and disgraced officer Perez that he and a like-minded group of criminals masquerading as cops had committed perjury, planted evidence, participated in unjustified shootings and framed innocent people, broke the will of the City to insist on a rational, focused decree.

While reforms should serve to benefit

the Department, unfortunately officer resources are being utilized for reforms and decree-related mandates. Also, some of the standards set out in the decree do not take into account the demands and requirements of LAPD officers. Here are just a few examples.

- The equivalent of a full division of sworn police officers is assigned to audit responsibilities associated with the decree. These officers, at least 300 in number, cannot do police work — i.e., patrol work, police investigation, etc. — but must instead gather statistics and audit to determine departmental compliance. This fact alone means the Consent Decree is not doing what was intended by the city. When Mayor Riordan agreed to federal intervention, he said if it would take one officer out of the field, the city should not support it. But it has done much more than that to a department that can't afford to lose resources.
- A highly difficult standard of 95% compliance has been set for the LAPD to get out of the Consent Decree in two years. Since the judgments of whether the standards have been met are either arbitrary or so time-consuming, that the energy and personnel being used to

ensure 95% compliance has consumed this Department. A compliance rate of 91% or even 94% is simply not good enough. When, in some cases the Department has come as close as 91%, the full 95% must be achieved. Because of that, necessary police services have suffered — something LA with our bare bones police force cannot afford.

- The decree requires that complaint face sheets be submitted within 10 days of a complaint. 2836 face sheets from throughout the Department were submitted, and 408 did not arrive within 10 days, a compliance rate of 86%. Thus, per the monitor, we were out of compliance. However, what about the goal of the requirement — that citizens' concerns are addressed and problems taken care of. The absolute timing of this requirement is not as important as the end result.

The biggest concern is the utilization of officer resources at a time when a "less is more" attitude must prevail. For example:

- An officer had an accidental discharge with a shotgun in the parking lot of a station. There were no injuries and no property damage. Four investigators from CIID responded and spent about 10 hours interviewing everyone who heard the round go off. It was change of watch so they had lots of witnesses to interview — and they came back a number of times to interview the employees that heard the shot but were not available for the initial interview. How many crimes could have been solved, how many victims or witnesses contacted and arrests made during the time spent by these four Detectives?

Instances such as these tie up valuable resources and hinder us from fully serving the community. Our officers are caught between the call to serve the people of Los Angeles and the requirement by the government that they adhere to new rules and closely analyze their

actions. They understandably feel their hands are tied.

Many of the rules also defy common sense and create additional, albeit unnecessary, investments of time. For example, in complaint investigations, what possible purpose does it serve to have to write, "the complainant was interviewed at a time and place that was convenient for them"? Perhaps the LAPD had been kidnapping citizens and forcing them to make complaints against officers? Not likely.

The rules also keep changing, which makes compliance even more elusive.

The useless gathering of statistics abounds — pages could be written as they pertain to Search Warrant Packages, Informant Packages and the Field Data Reports that no one will ever be able to properly analyze because of the thousands of variables associated with "stops."

The thought occurred to me that maybe what we need is to take the 300 plus officers assigned to monitoring the Consent Decree and put them as second officers in patrol cars. We could solve two problems at once: they would be performing the police work they were hired for and which the city desperately needs, and we would be making the city safer, not occupying their time with administrative tasks that do little — if anything — to contribute to the future safety of our Department.

We certainly need to be a Department that fully respects civil rights, and has honest cops. But we walk a fine line between making an effort to achieve compliance and over investing resources to chase down complicated goals. Unfortunately, I believe at this time that we have too many officers invested in the pursuit of compliance with regulations that seem nearly impossible to achieve. There are too many more important jobs that we need our officers available for, not the least of which is protecting peoples' lives.

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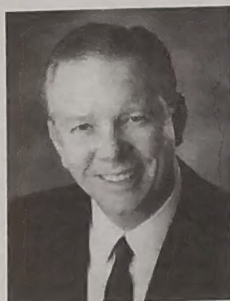
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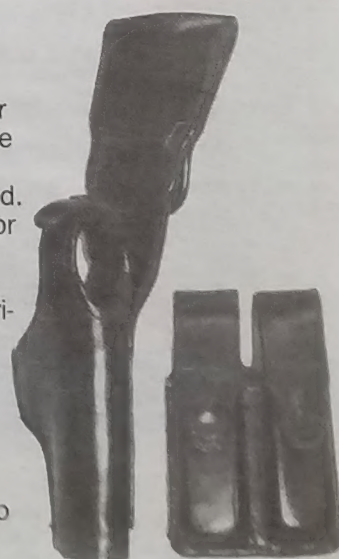
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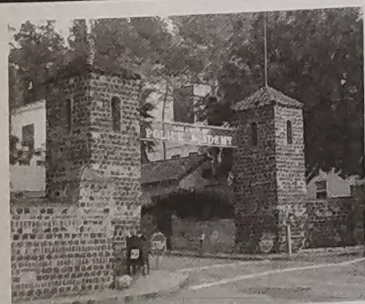
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CHANGES IN BILLING FOR WORKERS' COMPENSATION PRESCRIPTIONS

Luther Lutz

Since I deal with workers' compensation issues, I would like to tell you about a policy change at Sav-On Drug Store that will impact you if you are being prescribed medication as the result of a workers' compensation claim. Sav-On has changed their policy on how they will handle the billing process for all medications that are prescribed as the result of a workers' compensation claim. Effective January 1, 2004, Sav-On will require customers that receive medication prescribed by a doctor as the result of a workers' compensation claim to pay the full cost of the medication. Therefore, when you pick up any workers' compensation prescription(s) at Sav-On, it could cost you a several hundred dollars, depending on the number of prescriptions and the type of medication.

Previously, when you picked up a prescription at Sav-On you did not pay anything for the medication if it was prescribed as the result of a workers' compensation claim. Sav-On would just bill the City (Cambridge) for the cost of the medication. However, due to the recent reductions in the amount of money that workers' compensation reimburses pharmacies for medication, Sav-On has made a business decision to have the customer pay the entire amount of the medication and have the customer seek

reimbursement from their employer.

This is not a policy that the City or Cambridge decided to implement, this was a business decision that was made by Sav-On. Now the issue is how do we get reimbursed for medication obtained at Sav-On. I talked with Cambridge this morning and they said that there were only two options. One option would be to change to a pharmacy that still provides workers' compensation medication without cost to the customer and seeks reimbursement for the medication from Cambridge. The second option is to continue to have Sav-On fill the prescription(s), pay for the medication and then submit the bill to Cambridge to be reimbursed. The problem with this option is that you have to pay for your medication and then wait up for up to 60 days from the date you submit the paperwork requesting reimbursement to be reimbursed. That is assuming that the paperwork does not get lost. Everyone will need to make their own decision, I know I have made mine and I will not be getting my medication filled by the friendly neighborhood druggist at Sav-On.

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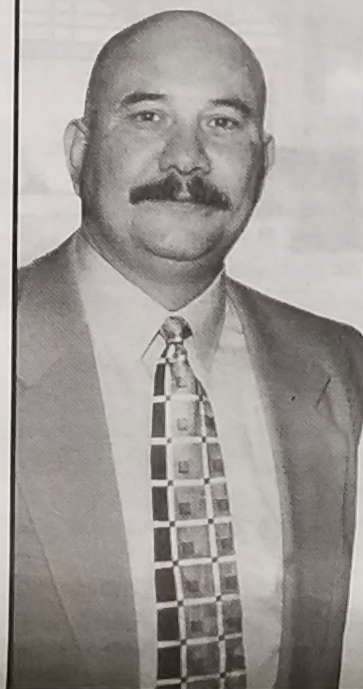
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Editor Thin Blue Line (TBL):

On President Harry Truman's desk was a sign "The buck stops here." As the Editor of the Thin Blue Line, I am responsible for the content of the paper. My goal is to provide a paper that members will read and use its contents as a resource. If you have any suggestions, concerns, comments or criticism I am the person to talk to.

On page 17 of the January 2004 TBL, I wrote the Editor Guidelines for the paper. We provide a forum for letters to the editor for people to voice **their opinions**. We want the writers to address issues not attack other members. We may edit submissions or refuse to publish material submitted.

Over 2004, I hope you will find steady improvements in our paper!

New Committee Assignments:

This year I received several new committee assignments. I will be working with our trustees on the Insurance committee that oversee our dental, life, disability, and legal insurance plan. Our current trustees are Divisional Delegates Emet Badar, Jack Cota, Chris Vasquez, and U.S. Taylor. These plans are important benefits to our members and we recognize the serious responsibility of safeguarding and improving them.

Our Insurance Department is led by Camille Nelson. She has over 20 years

with the League and is very knowledgeable about our plans. Sandra Pastor, supervises the Legal Claims Unit that handles the day-to-day operations of our legal insurance plan.

The League doesn't manage the major medical plans (Blue Cross, Kaiser etc...) for our members. This responsibility is held by Police Relief and their Board of Directors. However, in conjunction with chairing the Insurance Committee I am also the liaison with Police Relief for the League.

ACR:

ACR or alternate complaint resolution was negotiated by the Department and the League in 2002. Special Order #1 dated January 1, 2003, outlined and implemented it Departmentwide. This was an important step to resolving non-disciplinary issues quickly without clogging the regular discipline system.

I am seeking feedback from members about their experiences with ACR. Please contact me at the League 213-251-4554 or via e-mail at Paulweber@lappl.org.

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are retroactive to the time of the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. They include rules that make it easier for soldiers and sailors to sell their homes without having to pay capital gains taxes, as well as added benefits for travel expenses. There are also special tax provisions for national guardsmen and reservists who are going to and from assignments. To find out more, check out military-money.com and military.gov. Ask your tax preparer.

Seeking Help or Advice?

You discover one day you need help or maybe some advice from the League. Take a moment and look to see if a committee at the League covers that topic. For example if you have a concern over insurance you would ask for me. This way you can self direct yourself when you call the League. If you're unsure just tell the receptionist the general nature of your issue. They will get you in touch with the appropriate person or department.

We publish committee assignments every month in the TBL and it is on our web site at LAPD.COM. Please go to page 4 for a complete listing of committee assignments.

"Check 21" electronic banking system becomes law

It's called "Check 21," which is short for the Check Clearing for the 21st Century Act of 2003. This law becomes effective October 28, 2004. If you write a check, you will no longer receive copies of that check. For example you write a check in a store. Your bank or the store's bank will then electronically submit your check and destroy the one you sent. But first that bank will take a digital picture of the check and it will show up on your bank statement. You'll

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A MESSAGE FROM GENERAL COUNSEL

by Hank Hernandez, Attorney at Law

To Sue or Not to Sue For False Complaints

On June, 6, 2003, the California Fourth District Court of Appeal cleared the way once again for police officers to file defamation lawsuits pursuant to California Civil Code Section 47.5 against complainants who knowingly file false complaints against them. The appellate decision (*Loshonkohe vs Kinder*, 2003 Cal.App.LEXIS 830) was based on a case out of San Diego in which a San Diego police officer was awarded \$350,000 after she sued a complainant who filed 20 false complaints against her. The complaints were adjudicated as "unfounded", "not sustained" or "exonerated". The California Supreme Court denied review of the appellate decision and the case is now final.

On many occasions we at the League's Legal Department receive inquiries from officers regarding the merits of a lawsuit against a complainant who filed a false complaint against them. The purpose of this article is to provide officers with suggestions and observations to better decide whether to sue or not to sue for false complaints.

As will be noted below, not all personnel complaints adjudicated "unfounded", "not sustained" or "exonerated" will automatically result in a viable civil lawsuit for defamation against the complainant. The elements

that need to be pled and proven in civil court are found in a California statute.

Civil Code Section 47.5 provides in pertinent part that:

"... a peace officer may bring an action for defamation against an individual who has filed a complaint with that officer's employing agency alleging misconduct, criminal conduct, or incompetence, if that complaint is false, the complaint was made with knowledge that it was false and that it was made with spite, hatred, or ill will. Knowledge that the complaint was false may be proved by a showing that the complainant had no reasonable grounds to believe the statement was true and that the complainant exhibited a reckless disregard for ascertaining the truth."

Section 47.5 had previously been held unconstitutional by Division Two of the California Fourth District Court of Appeal. However, in the *Loshonkohe* case, Division One of the same appellate court held that Section 47.5 is constitutional. Thus, police officers do have statutory authority for pursuing a cause of action for defamation in civil court.

However, in order to be successful, an accused officer will have to plead and prove that the complainant filed the personnel complaint with knowledge that it was false and with spite, hatred, or ill will. Frequently, the Department's

investigation will assist in discovering facts in support of these statutory elements. Additionally, the investigation may also assist in discovering witnesses supporting the accused officer's version of the event.

In a civil action, satisfying the elements of the cause of action is oftentimes insufficient to obtain a judgment against the defendant. The plaintiff (accused officer) will also have to plead and prove damages. In determining damages, the court can consider whether, as a direct result of the fake complaint, the accused officer has suffered any emotional injuries, whether the accused officer has lost any promotional opportunities, and whether the officer was inappropriately subjected to discipline by the Department for the complaint. Officers must be mindful however, that the Department is statutorily prohibited by Penal Code Section 832.5(b) from using frivolous, unfounded or exonerated complaints to determine promotional opportunities.

In the absence of provable damages as described above, League attorneys are very unlikely to recommend the filing of a civil lawsuit in Superior Court. Officers should be mindful that hundreds of personnel complaints are filed against LAPD officers each year and maybe one out of 10 could be considered flagrantly false. Usually people who file false complaints have very little money or financial assets, making it pointless and not worth the time and effort to sue them.

The ability to pursue civil actions for false complaints in small claims court is also available to accused officers. In this forum, officers are not entitled to be represented by an attorney, but League members enrolled in the Enhanced Legal Plan may consult with a League Panel attorney and obtain advice regarding how to handle a case in small claims court. Also, a claim in small claims court cannot be made for more than \$5,000. A person who files in small claims court must first make a demand on the defendant if possible. Finally, any claim in small claims court must be filed within the same time limit applicable to a cause of action pursuant to Civil Code Section 47.5 in Superior Court, which is one year from the filing of the personnel complaint.

As noted at the beginning of this article, the foregoing information is simply intended to be suggestions and observations only. The value of receiving competent advice from one of our League panel attorneys becomes obvious, for the observations discussed here are just a fraction of the multitude of judgments and decisions which must be made in the cause of litigation. Nevertheless, perhaps in some cases a civil suit will prove to be the most effective weapon in an officer's defensive arsenal.

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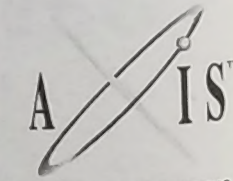
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The Long Journey of Officer Shooter Part 3-The Walk-Through

[Review of Part 2. Officer Shooter has been sitting in the captain's office for several hours after his officer-involved-shooting in the company of Sergeant Babysitter. He has had conversations with the League director and the League representative. RHD has conducted their criminal investigation interview and Officer Shooter has been transported to the scene of the OIS.]

The Walk-Through

I could see my partner getting out of his police vehicle, his sergeant babysitter by his side. The detectives motioned to both of us to come over to the side of the road at the edge of the light from the floodlights mounted on the crime scene trailer. We did so, each in the company of his sergeant escort. I tried to look over at the ground around the body, but I could not see any details because of the glare of the floodlights. I was looking for the gun. There HAD to be a gun. Maybe it was under the sheet.

The detectives introduced themselves and asked us each for our names, serial numbers and how long we had been on the Department. The lead detective told us that we would be walked through the crime scene separately. My partner was going to go first. The detective told me to wait at the cars with Sergeant Babysitter

until it was my turn. I walked to the cars looking over my shoulder at the scene trying to remember details. I leaned against the car and realized for the first time that I was exhausted. It had been four hours since the shooting. The shooting had happened near end of watch, so I had been on duty almost sixteen hours. I had also been at court most of the day so I had been up and awake almost twenty hours. Suddenly, all I wanted to do was sleep. I could see the group of detectives surrounding my partner in the distance under the lights. I closed my eyes.

It seemed that almost immediately Sergeant Babysitter nudged me.

"You're up," he said.

I walked over to the group of detectives. My partner had been sent back to his vehicle with his sergeant. I was joined by my representative. Sergeant Babysitter was also sent back to his vehicle. There were three detectives, their lieutenant, my representative and myself, all standing in a circle. I was closer to the body now and had a better view. I could not see the suspect's gun anywhere on the ground. It must be under the body.

The detective asked me if I wanted to make a voluntary statement. I declined. My representative had told me this was always best. The detective then ordered me to cooperate under pain of being charged with insubordination.

He explained that the walk-through

was intended to mark positions at the time of the shooting and get a brief statement of what happened. He said that there would be a detailed interview later back at the station. We walked as a group over towards the sheet-covered body. I scanned the ground. I could see numbered markers over three empty shell casings. They were mine. There were bandages and pieces of bloody clothing where the ambulance had attempted to treat the suspect. There was blood on the ground and on the sheet. There was no gun visible. My exhaustion was being replaced by a feeling of deep depression.

I gave a brief account of what happened. As I talked, I looked around. There was a tree a few feet from the body that I had absolutely no memory of. A fence was much closer than I had remembered it. A car was farther away. I tried to remember where I was standing when I fired. I made a guess based on where my casings had fallen. Another detective chalked my position and wrote my initials next to the mark on the pavement. As I walked away from the scene to once again join up with Sergeant Babysitter, a photographer began photographing the marks. I began to realize that even my guesses would be considered as evidence and memorialized.

Perspective of a CIID Investigator

Detective John "Jack" Forsman has been on the Los Angeles Police Department for twenty-three years. He has been in a detective assignment for seventeen of those years. Before he came on LAPD, he was a police officer in New Jersey for five years. Approximately ten years ago, he began specializing in officer-involved-shootings. Experiencing police work on two coasts is an advantage. Jack knows that LAPD has the most advanced officer-involved-shooting investigation program in the United States. In fact, he instructs the

CHP, Department of Corrections, and officers from all over the state of California who attend the Department of Justice Advanced Officer Training Program in the art of OIS investigations. He has also taught nationally in Pennsylvania and Texas on the same subject.

Detective Forsman has handled hundreds of shooting investigations. He has been involved in numerous civil cases in both state and federal court and knows what both the civil and criminal issues will be. Armed with that experience and knowledge, he knows what questions to ask and what evidence to gather to satisfy everyone's need to know what happened.

He is thoroughly familiar with the psychological effects that life threatening incidents have on warping human perceptions and he is skilled in crime scene management and the various forensic techniques used to interpret the clues found at shooting scenes. He considers himself a fact gatherer. When all the facts are in, he will have an opinion of what happened, but not until then. The report that he will eventually turn in will be thick and he knows that it will be gone over with a microscope in many levels of review and will be used in everything from criminal prosecutions to civil trials. It has to be thorough and address all the issues. The investigation will take months.

With all of this going on, Jack urges officers to not forget the prime issue in every officer-involved-shooting. The prime issue in a violent confrontation with a criminal, he will tell you, is whether or not an officer and his, or her, partner are going to go safely home to their families. All else is commentary.

"Ninety-nine percent of the time, officers do the right thing," Jack says. "Their intentions are good. Be aware that the fact finders will eventually turn in their

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A Message From Chief Bratton

by Chief William Bratton

I want to sincerely thank the men and women of the Los Angeles Police Department, both sworn and civilian, for meeting our first and most important goal in 2003, reducing the incidence and fear of crime. Not only did your hard work substantially reduce homicides and violent crime, together we also made outstanding progress toward our other goals: fully implementing the Consent Decree, and creating a counter-terrorism entity, the Critical Incident Management Bureau.

Through your collective commitment, focus, diligence and accomplishments, you helped to restore an enormous amount of credibility to the Department in the past year. We have turned the corner in regaining our stature from a skeptical public and have won back the respect of the community's political leadership. We have shown that we are capable of doing more, and that when given additional resources, they are put to good use. Even in this period of tight budgets, hiring freezes, and cutbacks, you have demonstrated the ability to

continue to deliver by protecting and serving the people of Los Angeles.

Although 2004 is a year of budget uncertainty, the belief of the command staff and myself is that there is still the capacity within this organization to do even more. Because of the caliber of the men and women of this Department and your desire to improve, the momentum that we gained in 2003 will continue.

This year, we will refine the best practices that proved successful. We will continue to improve COMPSTAT and focused policing efforts. Along those lines and specific to our goal of reducing violent crime, we will develop strategies that will emphasize putting cops where they're needed the most.

That means focusing our resources on the high-risk...people, places and activities. Although the Department doesn't have the resources to simultaneously focus its efforts on each of these high-risk environments throughout the city, we can impact crime levels by zeroing in on the interaction between high-risk victims and suspects, high-risk activities, and high-risk places. Think of it like this,

three circles drawn on a piece of paper. In the center is where they overlap...the high-risk environments. That's where you target your valuable police resources, in focused and precise surgical operations. You will be hearing more about the *Concentric Circles* approach, developed by Chief George Gascón, in the future. I believe that with this strategy, we'll have additional significant crime reduction successes.

The goals for the New Year are similar to those of 2003.

We will continue to push for an overall reduction in Part One crimes by 15 percent. The Consent Decree is also making us a better Department as we come into full compliance. And fighting terrorism and any threats to our city remains a priority.

But there is one more goal for 2004...to improve officer safety by fighting for more cops and more technology. I believe the best way to fulfill this goal will be to continue to do what we did this past year and what we do best...fight crime. Get the bad guys off the streets and make this an even safer city. We need to show the people and the elected officials of Los Angeles that with more, we can do more. Then we will be able to ask for additional funding for Public Safety through referendums including possible sales tax increases, Native American casino revenues, City tax levies and parcel fees. We've shown the formula works...when we add more cops, particularly as we did in the 77th Street Area, we made dramatic reductions in the number of homi-

cides. We focused in on problem areas and made significant progress. But we also learned, based on current available resources, we can't make these improvements equally throughout all the 18 geographic Areas in the City.

Because you, the cops, were more assertive and made many more arrests and stops of suspects, assaults against police officers went up dramatically in 2003. Your safety is my primary concern and another of my goals in 2004...improve it anyway I can. Because we are so limited in the number of officers on the streets at any one time, it's becoming increasingly difficult to assure your safety while doing your job. As you know, when police officers feel safe, it translates directly into improved citizen safety. This proves to be yet another compelling reason for additional personnel resources.

As I have said in previous columns, you, the men and women of this Department have given me quite a story to tell to the people and politicians of Los Angeles. In 2003, you have given me stories of heroism, integrity, increased activity even with limited resources and crime reduction. By continuing these efforts, we collectively make the greatest case for increased funding and increased personnel. This is what I, Mayor Hahn and the Police Commission will continue to fight for. Together we work toward the ultimate goal of making Los Angeles the safest big city in the nation for all its residents and its police officers. You deserve nothing less.

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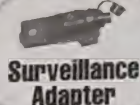
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reports and there will be debate among various entities on tactics and policies. It is a fact of life that you will be second guessed and also probably be sued. While you are going through this lengthy process, stay focused on what is most important. You and your partner are alive."

The Many Observers

As I got into the police vehicle for the ride back to the station, I looked back. The detective was again conferring with other official looking types. The shooting scene was crowded with watchers and workers.

"Who are those people?" I asked Sergeant Babysitter.

"District Attorney people. Inspector General people. Consent Decree people. Brass. SID people. RHD people. CIID

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people. Risk Management people. Police Commission people. You name it," Sergeant Babysitter said with a wave of his hand. "Lots of people losing sleep because of you tonight."

"They can all go to bed right now, as far as I'm concerned," I said, but something else was beginning to bother me. "Sarge, how old was the suspect?" I asked.

Sergeant Babysitter paused. Then he said something that clearly answered my question without answering my question.

"I'm not supposed to talk about the shooting with you, officer."

I knew at that moment that the suspect I had killed was a juvenile. A juvenile maybe with no gun. The realization made me weak all over. Sergeant Babysitter was strangely quiet for the rest of the ride back to the station.

To Be Continued...

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state will probably be thrown into chaos because it will be out of money and there will be no way to borrow the amount we need to continue on.

Some tough decisions are in front of us. They have to be made against the backdrop of an economic reality that good paying jobs and businesses are attracted by lower taxes and fewer regulations. Some believe that when taxes are raised the actual return to the state in real tax dollars is decreased. In economics it is called the Point of Diminishing Returns - there is a point where adding more doesn't get you more, it actually gets you less.

Government is the largest employer in the State. We work for government. If Prop 57 & 58 do not pass, thousands of people could be out of work. Millions of dollars needed to operate counties and cities, including the City of LA, would be lost and thousands of county and municipal employees would be laid off. The ripple effect in the economy would be devastating.

The debate between opposing ideologies (the right and left) will be fierce. The easy public policy questions are issues like who pays for parks? Should the people that use them pay or should the general public pay through the General Fund or should it be a combination of both?

The tough questions are who gets cut? Do we cut police and fire? Do we cut aid to the elderly? Do we release so-called nonviolent prisoners? These are all real proposals.

There is a \$15 billion difference between what we bring in and what we spend. We have four choices: 1. Cut

spending; 2. Bring in more money (raise taxes); 3. Cut spending and bring in more money; 4. Borrow more money and go further in debt.

As we make the decision in this "chess game" we have to recognize that there are some fixed or unmovable constants: **Prop 98** fixed spending requirements for education in the Constitution, that means education money cannot be cut; **Prop 13** fixed property tax rates, that means you cannot raise property taxes unless you change the Constitution; **bonded indebtedness** (the money owed to pay for bonds) was fixed when the voters passed the various bonds over the years.

State Treasurer Phil Angelides (D) spoke out against Prop 57. He said that Prop 57 is like taking a second trust deed on your house in order to pay living expenses. He is right, Prop 57 is like borrowing against your house to pay the day-to-day expenses. But in the critical situation that we are in right now, it appears to be the only way out.

In other words, if we don't pass Prop 57, the "house" will go into foreclosure and we'll lose the house and everything else. It would all be for nothing if it weren't for Prop 58 that puts into the Constitution mandates that the legislature and the governor have to stick to the budget, that they have to have a "rainy day fund," and they cannot do this again, we can't borrow to "pay off living expenses."

When I wrote this, my seven-year-old daughter Regina came into my office and asked me to explain what I was writing about. She seemed a little confused. Then she said, "Daddy, just tell them one thing, God Bless the U.S.A." ❖



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Dear Editor:

As an LAPD officer and sergeant, I've seen how the courts sometimes fail to protect us. On May 28, 2003, our criminal justice system failed. It failed the people of Los Angeles County and the dedicated prosecutors and law enforcement personnel who were working together to try and manage the high volume of cases for felony arraignment. This failure occurred when Superior Court management decided to stop arraignment of felony cases promptly at 4:30 p.m. and simply order defendants accused of serious offenses to return the next day. Apparently there had been ongoing friction between the district attorney's office and court management over cases being filed late in the day, causing overtime to be paid for court personnel. In order to make a statement over this problem and send a strong message, the court placed saving money above public safety and stopped arraigning cases even though the prosecutors and public defenders in court were willing to stay as late as necessary in order to take care of business.

As a result of this engineered shut-down, some 70 accused felons were not arraigned. Defendants are entitled to be arraigned within 48 hours of their arrest. If not, the Sheriff must release them. I have read the entire transcript of what happened in court that day, and it was obvious from the beginning that some defendants would end up being released unless there were other lawful reasons to keep them in custody. Law enforcement and prosecutors worked late into the evening in order to keep as many as possible in custody. However, around 30 defendants were released back into the community. At some point that evening, the possibility of these suspects being rearrested by LAPD was first raised.

However, the Department, on advice of the city attorney, realized that this would subject the officers involved and the city to potentially substantial civil liability. The LAPD officers, Sheriff's Department personnel, and prosecutors did their best to solve the crisis created by Superior Court management, working much later than would have been needed if the court had simply done its job.

After reading the court transcript, I was outraged. Law enforcement officers had risked their lives once to arrest these 30 defendants and would now have to do it again if the suspects did not show up the next day. In addition, these defendants would pose an ongoing threat to their victims and the general public if they did not show up voluntarily. Needless to say, some defendants did not return to court as ordered.

Since the events of May 28, 2003, I have done something that has outraged the legal community even more than the events of that day. I have filed papers to run against the Supervising Judge of the Criminal Courts, office no. 72, in the March 2, 2003, primary election. Before joining the Department full-time, I was an LAPD Reserve and a Deputy District Attorney. As a lawyer, I was always taught that no matter what a judge does, they should never be challenged by election; that the elections they face every six years are a mere formality.

I believe in accountability and that no judge should recklessly cause the release of criminals into society. The judge I am running against has attempted to distance himself from the events of May 28 saying he was only following the orders of his supervisor and that the order was based on the administrative needs of the court. It has also been suggested that law enforcement is to blame for not fixing the crisis that he

helped create by not rearresting the defendants immediately upon their release. The bottom line is that public safety and the safety of law enforcement should never take a backseat simply to save money or make a point about saving money. The whole mess could have been avoided by simply continuing to arraign defendants as usual even if that meant incurring overtime costs. I would encourage everyone to educate themselves about what happened in court that day. The entire courtroom transcript can be seen at www.judicialwatch.org/071403_PR.shtm, or at my Web site, www.KevinBurke4Judge.com once it is up and running.

I would like to publicly thank the fol-

lowing organizations who have had the courage to endorse my candidacy early on, despite enormous political pressure to do otherwise: Crime Victims United of California; California Reserve Peace Officers Association; LAPD Command Officers Association; Association for Los Angeles Deputy Sheriffs; Association of Deputy District Attorneys, County of Los Angeles.

I would also like to thank the Board of Directors of the Los Angeles Police Protective League for endorsing me.

Sgt. Kevin Burke, Wilshire Area
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NAME: Ronald E. Richards #13794
RANK: Detective III
ASSIGNED TO: Hollenbeck
BORN: May 21, 1943
APPT: January 28, 1968
RETIRED: June 26, 1993
DIED: October 17, 2001

★ ★ ★

NAME: Delvin L. Carroll #6021
RANK: Sergeant I
ASSIGNED TO: Van Nuys
BORN: July 7, 1921
APPT: February 2, 1949
RETIRED: April 13, 1975
DIED: September 27, 2003

★ ★ ★

NAME: James G. Nichols #6379
RANK: Investigator II
ASSIGNED TO: ISD
BORN: July 17, 1924
APPT: June 16, 1949
RETIRED: February 29, 1976
DIED: November 10, 2003

★ ★ ★

NAME: Charles H. Brown #2391
RANK: Lieutenant
ASSIGNED TO: Training
BORN: November 30, 1914
APPT: April 10, 1941
RETIRED: October 29, 1969
DIED: November 24, 2003

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NAME: Richard J. Borland #7679
RANK: Police Officer III
ASSIGNED TO: Wilshire
BORN: February 20, 1932
APPT: October 1, 1956
RETIRED: June 5, 1982
DIED: December 5, 2003

★ ★ ★

NAME: Walter Peters #5073
RANK: Sergeant
ASSIGNED TO: West L.A.
BORN: January 12, 1920
APPT: October 16, 1947
RETIRED: November 30, 1977
DIED: December 8, 2003

NAME: Kenneth A. Shipp #4648
RANK: Policeman
ASSIGNED TO: Hollywood
BORN: December 14, 1925
APPT: June 16, 1947
RETIRED: October 9, 1969
DIED: December 9, 2003

★ ★ ★

NAME: John P. Grant #2932
RANK: Investigator II
ASSIGNED TO: West Valley
BORN: December 2, 1918
APPT: July 6, 1942
RETIRED: February 24, 1974
DIED: December 10, 2003

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RANK: Investigator III
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BORN: December 15, 1922
APPT: January 15, 1946
RETIRED: January 17, 1976
DIED: December 17, 2003

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NAME: Lawrence J. Moore #12156
RANK: Police Officer III
ASSIGNED TO: Training
BORN: July 30, 1941
APPT: October 26, 1964
RETIRED: December 19, 1995
DIED: December 19, 2003

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NAME: Jack V. Thompson #5799
RANK: Policeman
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BORN: December 6, 1917
APPT: June 28, 1948
RETIRED: January 5, 1975
DIED: December 21, 2003

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Dear Bob,

On November 15, I received the one call that every association president hopes will never come informing me that two of our officers had been shot. Officer Matthew Pavelka and Officer Greg Campbell were tragically and senselessly shot several times during a traffic stop.

Officer Pavelka succumbed to his injuries and died that cold and rainy night. Officer Greg Campbell was shot once in the stomach and once in the neck. The bullet in his neck is very close to his spine and doctors are unable to remove the bullet. Greg has very limited movement of his arms and will be undergoing months of rehabilitation to repair nerve damage.

Immediately after the shooting, officers from the LAPD, L.A. Sheriffs, CHP, Glendale, Pasadena and San Fernando P.D. responded to assist in the manhunt for Officer Pavelka's killer.

The cooperation of the multitude of law enforcement agencies resulted in the capture and arrest of David Garcia in Tijuana, Mexico. Our association was overwhelmed at the tireless efforts of this multi-jurisdictional task force.

On behalf of the Burbank Police Officers Association, I would like to thank you and your members for all of their support during this tragic incident.

Fraternally,
Darin Ryburn, President
Burbank Police Officers' Association

Dear Editor:

My brother, Ralph H. Kelly, a former Los Angeles Police Officer and retired for some time, passed away on July 28, 2003. Ralph was the Asst. Director of the LAPD Senior Band, and he was the Director of the LAPD Jr. Band for 16 years. Ralph died at the Prescott, AZ Medical Center of Parkinson's disease. Ralph was 82 years old.

After I returned to Sun City, CA, I called one of the boys that was in the LAPD Jr. Band while Ralph was the director. He is a Los Angeles Highway Patrolman, almost ready for retirement. His name is Dave Clark. I asked Dave if he thought Ralph had been a help to any of the former members of the Jr. Band. He told me he would contact a few of them to see if the Band had made a difference in their lives. (Dave was instrumental in having a reunion of many of the band members, to honor Ralph, on Saturday, August 12, 1995, at the Los Angeles Police Academy.) I have enclosed some letters from former Jr. Band members.

After reading the letters, I felt it might be a nice story to put in *The Thin Blue Line*. Not too many people will have this many nice things said about them. It means to me that Ralph Kelly made a difference in many young lives.

Dave told me there is a rumor that LAPD is considering starting another LAPD Jr. Band. These letters, if put in the right hands, might be a help in getting a Jr. Band started. (A person like Ralph might not be found, as he did the arrangements of all the music the band played. Not too many musicians are capable of doing arrangements.) But I'm sure someone could be found to take over a very rewarding job of helping young people interested in music. It could make a difference in the lives of the youngsters, and also for the director.

If you don't feel you have any use for the enclosed letters, I would appreciate having them returned to me.

Thank you,
Wynn (Kelly) Yeretzian

From: "Gary Lee"
<garylee@hotmail.com>

Subject: The Passing of Ralph Kelly Dave,

I was very sorry to hear about Kelly's passing. I am so grateful that you contacted me about the reunion. Seeing Kelly back in 1995 was like traveling through time because he was the same great person he always was.

The LAPD Jr. Band was a serious source of pride for me, and I learned a great deal about music, teamwork, and organization. The band was an "Honor Band" with the best players from all over the L.A. area. I took this experience with me through college as a music major, and later became an award winning band director—five sweepstakes trophies in one marching season and straight superior ratings at District and Regional Festivals, all with an intermediate school band!

Many of my best friends to this day are from the Police Band. We were lucky to have that moment in time with that left-handed conductor, Ralph Kelly.

Subject: LAPD Jr. Band Dave,

It's hard to know what to say about someone who was such a big part of my adolescent life and my family's lives. I first met him when I was 11 years old and was in awe of what he could do. I joined the LAPD Jr. Band when I was 12 and was more in awe of what he could do. I was 16 years old and Band Inspector when Kelly left the band. I was still in awe of the man and what he had done.

In spite of seeing him at least once a week over those years, I never really felt

that I knew him. Maybe I was a little too awestruck, and maybe I was a little bit afraid of him, too. He was able to take a hundred or so kids from all over the L.A. area, put them together in a room, on a field or on a street, and produce a championship band. What he did with us was absolutely awesome, and I'm sure it gave all of us who had the privilege of participating a tremendous sense of pride in the accomplishments. I believe he was universally respected by everyone who played under his direction, even though he "directed with the wrong hand."

I feel honored to have played under his direction and cherish the memories of growing up around such an awesome man. I don't really know what else I can say.

Thanks,
Jerry Wallace

Subject: Officer Kelly, a great loss...

Yes, Officer Kelly was instrumental in influencing me to continue in the direction of becoming a professional trumpet player. I'm not very good with words, but he was very passionate about the music, and it could be felt by each and every student musician in the band. I believe that's why most of us went on and continued to play after our youth.

Ted M.

Subject: The Late Officer Kelly Dave,

Thanks for your letter sadly informing of the passing of Officer Kelly. It is both ironic and poetic that I read your letter just prior to opening a letter from a 15-year-old violinist (a co-worker's daughter) and member of the Santa Monica High School Symphony Orchestra, which has been selected to tour Austria and the Czech Republic this spring. It all made me reflect back to a most exciting time when we were teenage band members together, trying to sort out the challenges of growing and maturing into adulthood. Officer Kelly and the strength of the LAPD Junior Band support group were significant influences in those years of trying to figure it all out, feel and sense the belonging, produce an excellent product as a tight unit, feel the gratification and pleasure we brought to our audiences, look sharp and be disciplined in music and in character, and have tons of fun.

The successful trips to Las Vegas, Dallas and Miami Beach were great and only within my reach through the love and dedication of Kelly and our band leadership. But what I most enjoyed were the Monday night rehearsals, going through—very quickly—numbers old and new and making sure I was out of the line of fire of Kelly's slashing left-handed baton. In my four-plus years, incredibly no one came even close to being impaled.

I sincerely appreciate your lasting dedication to the band and to the memory of our leader. Thank you very much for your generous commitment of time to keep us together. And thanks for great years of your leadership and humor and the many laughs, some at the expense of good ol' Art "Hey guys, points are flying!" Pollinger.

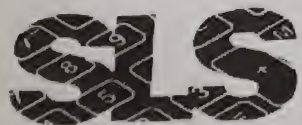
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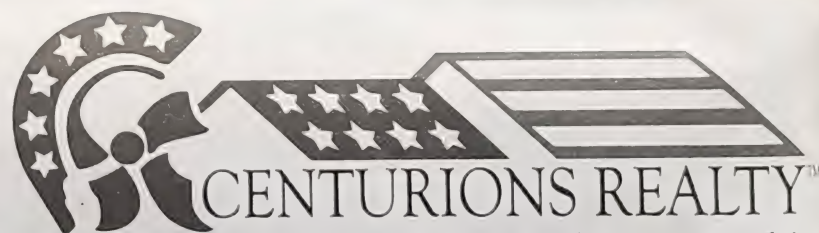
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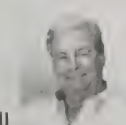
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POLITICAL FRONTLINE



LAPPL Legislative Report

by Timothy H. B. Yaryan - LAPPL Legislative Counsel and Advocate

After weeks of negotiations and deliberation, the legislature finally passed, and the Governor signed, a "budget plan" which will include the following elements:

- A \$15 billion bond to cover accumulated debt
- A reserve fund, starting at 1% in 2006 and gradually going to 5% of the General Fund—or \$8 billion—whichever is greater
- A spending cap which allows the Governor to declare a fiscal emergency and propose a plan of action to which the legislature must respond in 45 days or enact an alternative plan
- Mid-year cuts and adjustments

The voters will be called upon to approve this plan in the March 2, 2004 election. It will go into effect, if approved. If not, it will be back to the drawing boards.

The "budget deal" does not include any provisions to "backfill" the loss of \$4 billion VLF dollars to local government, and that will be a pressing issue when the legislature reconvenes in January.

"As far as I'm concerned, public safety is the most important thing..."

*Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger
January 9, 2004, in discussing
the 2004-2005 Budget*

I hope you had a safe and happy holiday season. Like everything else it seems, the holidays always seem to end on an abrupt note so the reality of the New Year, and the challenges and perils we face, come to the forefront. Not only is this year no exception, its reality may be harsher and more difficult than any

we have faced in the past. I'm referring, of course, to the 2004-2005 Budget introduced by Governor Schwarzenegger and how it will impact local governments, especially public safety.

First, the good news. The Governor has backfilled the \$4.062 billion of the VLF lost to local governments by repeal of the car tax. The Governor has also proposed funding both the COPS program and the Juvenile Justice programs at \$100 million each, keeping the same funding level and the same distribution formula as last year. The Governor has also fully funded POST, including \$25.5 million for reimbursement to local agencies. The budget funds the Central Valley Methamphetamine Task force at the level of \$9.5 million, vertical prosecution services for district attorneys at the level of \$8.2 million, and provides \$5 million to reimburse counties for extraordinary costs in connection with homicide trials.

Now, the bad news. The Governor has proposed a \$1.3 billion property tax shift from cities and counties to the state. This reduces the funds cities and counties will get significantly! Assuming that cities and counties have an equal burden of the "shift," the City of Los Angeles would lose about \$150 million and the County of Los Angeles would lose about \$150 million from this take away alone! In addition, this is NOT a one time shift but a **permanent transfer!** Roughly two thirds of this money affects public safety, so you can see we are facing a very serious fiscal crisis in the days and months ahead.

Unfortunately, that's not all the bad news.

The budget proposes to eliminate the \$38.2 million in booking fee reimbursements to municipal police departments—that's another \$38.2 million hit to city police or a \$38.2 million loss to counties — if the mandate is eliminated. The

budget eliminates funding for the rural sheriff program. This program was suspended during last year's budget and is not reinstated in this budget.

It makes a major cut of over \$134.3 million to probation incarceration programs by phasing out the pass through of federal TANF funding to probation. This cut will have *serious public safety implications* since it is this funding that enables our juvenile camps to operate. Loss of this funding, if it is not reauthorized at the state and federal levels, will inevitably result in the closure of juvenile facilities and the release of hundreds, if not thousands, of violent juvenile felons back into the community.

Correction training grants (STC funding) have not been restored, resulting in a loss of over \$18.2 million to local agencies, and even worse, the Board of Corrections will become a fee-based program. The budget contemplates BOC charging local entities fees for the services provided by the Board of Corrections, including ensuring establishment of minimum standards for local juvenile and adult detention facilities, inspections of all local detention facilities, and establishment training standards for local correctional personnel.

Although it is not spelled out, the Governor's budget contains language restructuring the way court security is provided to give the courts "greater flexibility." Implicit in this proposal is authorization that courts would be able

to "contract out" for security services.

A budget should reflect the values of its people, and this Governor's budget is no different. *It strikes me that with the increase in crime we have experienced the last three years, particularly violent crime, and the fact that we are —and have been — on "Orange Alert" for potential terrorism, that ANY cutbacks to the public safety sector are foolish and ill advised.* I, for one, have difficulty in reconciling Governor Schwarzenegger's rhetoric about valuing public safety with what his current budget proposes, and I can't imagine the public, and the bipartisan coalition of voters who elected Governor Schwarzenegger, supporting a budget which proposes to cripple public safety!

Yes, we are facing difficult times and we must all tighten our belts, *but this budget WILL —if enacted— result in the layoffs of thousands of police officers, deputy sheriffs, probation officers, and other public safety workers, and result in the closure of local correctional institutions and the release of thousands of offenders into the community!*

Governor, if indeed public safety is the "MOST IMPORTANT THING" as you say, if that is indeed your core value, then you and your Director of Finance need to go back and do some serious revisions to your first budget.

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Summaries of Propositions March 2, 2004 Ballot

Source: Legislative Analyst's Office

PROP 55

Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2004. This measure allows the state to issue \$12.3 billion of general obligation bonds for construction and renovation of K-12 school facilities (\$10 billion) and higher education facilities (\$2.3 billion).

PROP 56

State Budget, Related Taxes, and Reserve. Voting Requirements. Penalties. This measure permits the Legislature to pass the state budget and tax increase measures related to the budget by a 55 percent vote. Other changes to the budget process would be made.

PROP 57

The Economic Recovery Bond Act. This proposition puts before the voters, authorization for the state to issue a bond of up to \$15 billion to deal with its budget deficit. The bond authorized by this measure would be used in place of the deficit-financing bond authorized last year by the Legislature.

PROP 58

The California Balanced Budget Act. This proposition amends the Constitution, making changes related to (1) the enactment and maintenance of a balanced state budget, (2) the establishment of specific reserve requirements, and (3) a restriction on future deficit-related borrowing.



L.A. District Attorney Steve Cooley with members of LAPPL Political Action Committee: (from left) League Director and Treasurer Cliff Ruff, Detective Mike Ventura, D.A. Steve Cooley, Detective Marcella Winn, League Secretary and Director Ted Hunt, Lieutenant Gary Macnamara, Lieutenant Roger Deranian, League Director Peter Repovich.

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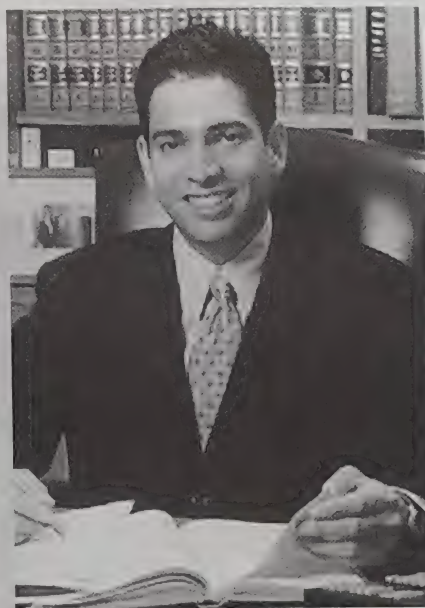
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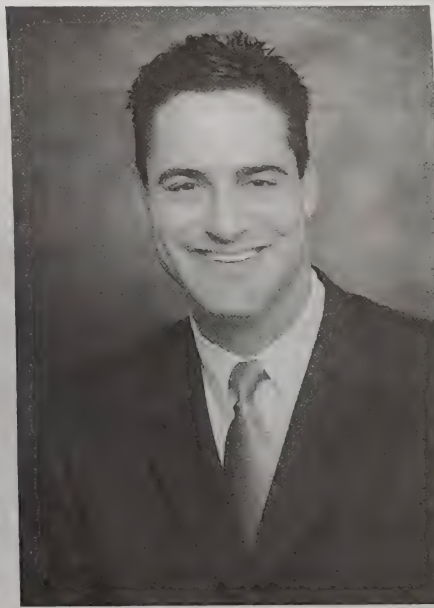
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— Todd Spitzer

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

For Your Information is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. We encourage you to submit articles for publication. Deadline for submission is the 1st of the month for the following month's issue date.

LAPD Recruitment

This letter is in response to a letter to the editor wherein a member expressed concern that a recent recruitment event held at the Academy was conducted in Spanish.

The department and the city need more bilingual officers. The Mayor has made recruitment of bilingual people an initiative for the LAPD. More importantly, statistics of language requests to the "phone language bank" show the department needs more Korean and Spanish speaking cops. Therefore, we are trying to recruit from those markets.

We know that bilingual people often "float" between English and the language they use at home. Therefore, we often place ads in those foreign language media. The other thing we have found out is that the typical officer candidate, at least the ones with clean backgrounds, often live at home and have very strong family ties. While the parents of candidates often have limited English speaking skills, the candidates are fluent in both languages. Because of the strong family ties, it is often a "family decision" for someone to join the LAPD. Therefore, we often

do recruiting in foreign languages to educate the parents of prospective candidates.

The event at the Academy was intended to reach out to bilingual Hispanic candidates. The event was initiated and sponsored by Liborio Markets, which is a very large supermarket firm specializing in South American food. They put about \$40,000 into the campaign, and they arranged for the entertainment, which included celebrities from the Hispanic entertainment industry. We tested over 300 candidates at that event.

The Department's traditional recruiting efforts are still intact. We continue to recruit strongly at military bases, but the recent war has made it difficult to get recruits out of the military. We are starting a new initiative to better recruit at military bases in January, but we also have to go after the other markets in the Los Angeles area.

I can assure you that the entire testing process is conducted entirely in English. The residency and citizenship requirements to become a cop have not

changed. The background investigation is more thorough than ever. I have had the opportunity to review some of the old background investigations and can attest that those backgrounds were not as thorough as the ones we do today. Also, all police candidates must take a polygraph and submit to hair analysis (drug testing).

Finally, I want to assure the membership that the Department is still hiring qualified candidates. Because competition for qualified candidates is so fierce, the department must try different avenues to attract recruits. I think we have done pretty well; about 1,200 cops in the last 24 months have been hired.

As always, if anyone has any concerns about the recruitment or hiring process, please contact me at (213) 847-8108.

Respectfully,
Richard Webb, Captain
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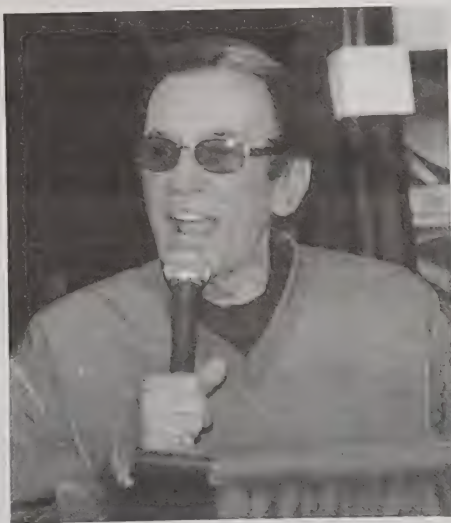
by Sergeant Steven H. Williams

"Parker News & Events"

The William H. Parker Los Angeles Police Foundation, established in 1966 as a tribute to the late Chief William H. Parker, is continuing to provide support to the men and women of the Los Angeles Police Department. The Foundation is comprised of Los Angeles civic and business members who have an interest in helping their Police Department.

The Foundation hosted its "13th Annual Golf Challenge Tournament" at Braemar Country Club. The proceeds from the golf tournament help the Foundation fund its many LAPD programs such as the West Point Leadership Course, Law Enforcement Tactical Application Course and the Arrest and Control Course at the Ahmanson Recruit Training Center. During the year, the Foundation provides grants for detective courses and much needed equipment for the S.W.A.T. Team Dive Unit as well as support to local divisions and detective groups.

The Foundation would like to thank District Attorney Steve Cooley and Chief William J. Bratton for lending their sup-



Comedian Norm Crosby, famed comedian and all around LAPD supporter, keeps the crowd laughing during the award ceremony.

port as Tournament Hosts. Many thanks for all of our sponsors and players such as the Los Angeles Federal Credit Union, Los Angeles Police Protective League, Command Officers Association, LAPRAAC and the Ahmanson Foundation just to name a few.

The Parker Foundation Holiday Party was held at the fabulous Police Academy Lounge during December. The Foundation would like to thank all who attended and appreciate their continued support. A special thanks goes out to Police Commissioner Al Skobin, who is a friend of the Foundation and great



Parker Foundation Board Member Don Bailey, a former LAPD Officer, now McDonald's franchisee operator, Marvel Comics Spiderman and Mr. Ken Esteves, Board President.



Inspector General Andre Birotte, Police Commissioner Al Skobin and Police Commissioner Rose Ochi stopped by the Parker Foundation Holiday Party to lend their support for the Foundation.



Parker Foundation Board Members: L-R back row: Scott LaChasse, George Sugarman, Captain Sean K. Kane, Harry Waterstone, Donald Bailey, CPA Paul Goodnough and Board President Ken Esteves. Bottom Row L-R: Jack Arian, Sheila Morris, Seymour "Bugsy" Rosen and President Emeritus William F. Hertz, gather around the Christmas tree for a holiday photo moment

supporter. When you have quality people like Mr. Skobin leading the Department's efforts, the LAPD cannot help but enjoy the success in 2004. The event featured an evening of entertainment

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Transportation of Controlled Substances & the Law

by Judge Ross Klein

Health and Safety Code section 11379 prohibits the transportation of a useable quantity of a controlled substance. The individual must know of the presence of the substance and have knowledge of its intoxicating characteristics. (*People v. Meza* (1995) 38 Cal App 4th 1741).

According to *People v. Eastman* (1993) 13 Cal App 4th 668, there is no requirement that the trial judge define "transportation" for the jury since it is to be given its plain, commonly-understood meaning. *Eastman* further held that an individual may still be convicted of transportation of a controlled substance even if he is transporting it only for his personal use.

While "transportation" is normally associated with movement in a motor vehicle, a defendant may still be guilty of transportation by the use of other, non-motorized means. For example, in *People v. Ormiston* (2003) 105 Cal App 4th 676, the defendant was walking across a hotel parking lot in possession of methamphetamine. The court held that this involved transportation since it constituted the movement of the controlled substance from one location to another. "Section 11379," concludes *Ormiston*, "neither mentions nor excludes from its scope any particular means of transportation" (105 Cal App 4th at 683).

In *People v. LaCross* (2001) 91 Cal App 4th 182, the defendant was convicted of transportation of drugs by his riding his bicycle while possessing methamphetamine. The Appellate Court found that the use of the bicycle involved transportation since it increased the potential distribution area from a limited location to one several miles away, thus expanding the availability of the narcotics.

Applying the definition of "transportation" to those on foot and on bicycles is consistent with the purpose of the statute. The California Supreme Court wrote in *People v. Rogers* (1971) 5 Cal 3rd 129, 136, that the increased punishment is appropriate "to deter occur-

rences of sales or distributions to others." *People v. Cortez* (1985) 166 Cal App 3rd 994 agreed, finding that the increased penalty is further intended to inhibit individuals' access to the sources of the narcotics. The purpose is succinctly summarized in *People v. Emmal* (1998) 68 Cal App 4th 1313: the statute is intended to make it more difficult to obtain and distribute drugs.

Emmal held that there is no minimal distance to constitute transportation. The defendant in *Emmal* possessed methamphetamine and had walked approximately 20 feet toward the officers. This was transportation; there is no requirement that "there be a practical difference between the locations."

The possession of the narcotics, without more, does not constitute transportation: there must also be some movement of the drugs. In *People v. Kilborn* (1970) 7 Cal App 3rd 998, the police found LSD in the defendant's motel room. The court held that the defendant could not be guilty of both possession as well as transportation since the facts showed only possession, not any movement of the drugs.

If the defendant is transporting different kinds of drugs, it is possible for the defendant to be convicted of multiple counts of transportation. The test, according to *People v. Arndt* (1999) 76 Cal App 4th 387, is whether the facts establish that the defendant held multiple criminal objectives. This is true, according to *People v. Blake* (1998) 68 Cal App 4th 509, even if the defendant's actions share common acts or are parts of an indivisible course of conduct.

In *People v. Romero* (1997) 55 Cal App 4th 147, the defendant argued in his defense that he could not be convicted of transporting cocaine since he subjectively believed that he was transporting marijuana. Affirming the conviction on appeal, the court found that the defendant knew that he was transporting a controlled substance; he was not required to know the chemical composition of the particular intoxicant that he was transporting. ♦

Sergeant Mary E. Kite, Ombuds Associate

by Sergeant Michael Apodaca,
Department Wellness Coordinator



Sergeant Mary Kite, Ombuds Associate.

The Ombuds Office is happy to welcome Sergeant Mary Kite as the newest Ombuds Associate. From the many candidates vying for the position, Sergeant Kite was selected for her extensive experience and background. A 12-year veteran of the Department, Mary has worked NHWD, WLA, Pacific, Devonshire, Training Division, and IAG. *Mary says, "I am excited about working in the Ombuds Office. Let's face it we spend well over half our lives at work. It's important that together we make it a positive environment while getting the job done."*

Over the years Mary has put to good use her degree in Speech Communication as an instructor at the Academy and other assignments. A subject matter expert in Human Relation, Sexual harassment, Cultural Diversity, Tactical Communication, and Hate Crimes, Mary brings a solid foundation to the Ombuds Office. It was said in one of her ratings, "she is very approachable by both peers and subordinates." This quality presents a real advantage to those seeking assistance through the Ombuds Office as the office routinely deals with issues that are highly personal and sensitive.

Sergeant Kite is a member of the Los Angeles Women's Police Officers Association, she enjoys the outdoors and is an

avid runner, and member of the Women's 2003 Baker to Vegas Championship Team. Additionally, Mary values her spiritual life and enjoys participating in its development.

The Ombuds Office was created in 1997 to assist all employees regarding problems concerning discrimination, general concerns of "harassment," personality conflicts, difficult working conditions, and interpersonal conflicts. Under the direction of Captain Dick Bonneau, Department Ombuds Officer, the Ombuds Office works to resolve these issues prior to them escalating into personnel complaints, grievances, or lawsuits. In a confidential environment all matters are handled at the lowest possible level and no employee will be turned away. Sergeant Kite or other Ombuds staff can be reached at the Ombuds Office, 250 E. 1st. Street Suite 300, Los Angeles, CA 90012, (213)-485-3207 ♦

Hot Topics: "Operation Hero Miles"

A total of 11 airlines have agreed to participate in "Operation Hero Miles."

Below are a handful of the airlines participating and the instructions for donating to each.

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- **American Airlines** New! - American Airlines AAdvantage members may donate a minimum of 500 miles to Operation Hero Miles. Please be sure to include your AAdvantage account number, name, mileage donation and signature on all mailed or faxed pledges.

To donate your American AAdvantage miles, please send the following information:

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- Your name
- The number of miles to be donated (minimum 500 miles)
- Your signature (required for mailed and faxed donations forms)

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- Print and mail or fax a donation form
- Fax a note to 817-963-7882
- Mail a note to:

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- **Alaska Air/Alaska Air** - Mileage Plan members can donate miles to the soldiers overseas through August 15, 2004. To donate your miles, send an e-mail to miles@alaskaair.com, or contact a Mileage Plan representative at 1-800-654-5669. The minimum donation is 500 miles. For every 5,000 miles donated, Alaska Airlines and Bank of America will each contribute an additional 1,000 miles.

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- **Delta Airlines** - Delta Sky Miles members may donate miles through August 15, 2004. Donations can be made via e-mail at delta.bids@delta.com, by fax at 404-773-1945 or through the U.S. Postal Service. Mail information to:

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SkyMiles Service Center, Dept. 654
P.O. Box 20532
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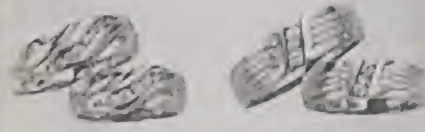
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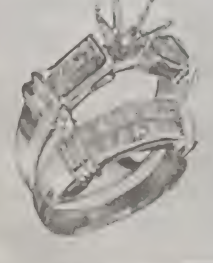
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My Partner Timmy

by Francine Carrasco de Spada

I first met Tim 12 years ago when he was an instructor teaching the Drug Recognition Program and I was one of his students. His positive attitude and energy then made him stand out. A few years later, I ran into Tim when he was assigned to Valley Traffic Division as a motor cop and I was a brand new field sergeant at Foothill Division. When I came into contact with Tim at Foothill in my capacity as a supervisor, I saw that he was more than just "a motor cop" with shiny boots and "attitude" in the station seeking a booking approval for a "duce," a drunk he had arrested.

Tim stood out then as a police officer who took our police motto "to serve and protect" to heart. He was an officer who was kind and friendly, always helping less experienced officers with reports and arrest advice. It didn't matter if it was at his end-of-watch or if he was already on overtime, he never said no to anyone asking for assistance; it just wasn't in his vocabulary.

When I would observe Tim and his motor partner Bobby Kirk in the field, they were an efficient team — citing, warning, and saving lives in their enforcement of traffic laws. Never was I called to respond to a "supervisor requested" call where their violator had refused to sign the citation. Trust me, many refused on many occasions. I was so impressed with Tim's leadership, positive attitude and assistance to the officers of our division that I wrote my very first commendation as a supervisor about Tim, an officer who didn't work directly for me or who was assigned to our division.

Ten years later, while working at my desk at Labor Liaison Section, I received a telephone call from Tim. He indicated that he was interested in applying to Labor Liaison Section and wanted to discuss the job and the possibility that he could interview for this coveted position. When I asked him where he was working, he responded cheerfully, "Right where you left me, at Foothill. I've been a Senior Lead Officer for the past nine years. Whoever said that a motor cop couldn't promote?" There was no doubt in my mind that Tim would impress my boss and be selected for the open position. Tim did come on board and there began our team, Two Ida One, a few weeks later. He had shed the uniform and, as he put it now that he wore suits to work, he was a *businessman*.

It was amazing how quickly Tim acclimated to his new assignment, and fortunately for us, because shortly thereafter we were in the midst of major labor strikes in Los Angeles. Tim immediately jumped in by training picket captains on how they could exercise their 1st Amendment rights and freedom of speech in a lawful and peaceful manner without violating the rights of management or citizens.

Tim was very professional and his labor audience was always entertained by his side comments such as: "I'm not able to tell you whose side I'm on because I'm on duty and impartial, but I've been a Union man for 25 years..." Or when we'd respond to a grocery store strike line and he'd ask the picketers how they were doing, he'd add: "Those supermarkets won't get any of my money until you guys are back to work!" That one always received applause.

A moment later we'd be talking to the supermarket manager and with the same

professionalism he'd inquire from them how LAPD, and we specifically, could assist them in being able to conduct business in a safe and unthreatened manner by the picketers outside.

He provided both sides with our cellular telephone number to be called in the event of any problems, but he reminded them both that when strikes are over they would all be working together and the importance of treating the other side properly. Tim loved the fact that so many of our Labor Liaison contacts were from New York. He loved being from there, and he would always talk about being from New York with them, and they shared stories as only Yankees could! To watch him talk was like seeing him back home with friends. How he loved the New York Yankees and the Giants.

For those not familiar with the law enforcement culture/partnership, we spend endless hours working together with the ultimate goal of "going home at the end of our shift." We work as brothers and sisters, depending on each other to "watch their back." In the course of a 10-hour plus working day, Tim and I shared stories about family, friends and infamous war stories we had been involved in over our separate 20 years of police service.

But of all the ones I remember most are his stories about growing up in New York and the love he had for his family and about hunting. We exchanged stories to see who had grown up the poorest and he once shared one that he said I couldn't top—the one about how he and his brother, Mario, having only had three boots for the snowy winter in New York. He claimed that they were so poor that he and his brother had to collectively climb into the boots, each with one boot on one foot and shared boot in between them, and how they hopped the five miles in the snow to school as if they were in a three-legged sack race. Now I'm not one to say that Tim fibbed, but I couldn't top that one.

He insisted I was Italian because we had so much in common, and I told him he looked Mexican.

I learned about his younger years:

The many places he lived and how most no longer remained;

His father's old car, the one with a hole in the backseat floorboard;

About growing up with three brothers and how much he loved them all—Tommy, Mario, and the youngest, Jimmy, the baby;

How strong his mother was being the only woman among five men, because there was no room for weakness in the Falco house. How he was determined to get her to quit smoking and on a recent visit she made to California he believed he had convinced her to stop;

His love for tractor trailers and how he was still licensed to drive them. When he saw the Teamsters' Joint Council 18-wheeler, all he could say was that it was "awesome." When Teamsters' Local 630 told him that he could ride in their 18-wheel, red, white and blue truck, all I heard was how he wanted to get inside the cab. He had a photo of that truck, and he said it was "sweet," and he asked me "Do you think it would be a conflict of interest if I drove it?"

I knew he had a cousin who lived in Santa Barbara named Bobby Gulvin, and Chris Shaw, his best friend from New York. Tim cherished them.

Though I don't remember all the names, I feel as if I know many of his family and friends. He once heard me

refer to my husband's relations as "out-laws" instead of in-laws, and Tim said that he had sisters-in-law but considered them "sisters." How special.

He was so proud of his children. He was proud of Lindsey's athletic abilities and her intelligence. Tim knew that she could get into any school she wanted and next year would be moving on to a university. I recall how he told me one morning, "It's a done deal. Last night Lindsey and I completed some online college applications, and we hit the enter button. It's a done deal. She's outta here!" The fact that as a father he could provide her with a university experience made him beam with pride.

He was so proud of young Tim's artistic abilities, but most of all his thoroughness, responsibility, and maturity. He would also say, grinning, that his son was just like him. He'd say, "Tim's locked-on. He's right there!" To be locked on was the ultimate compliment coming from Tim. He also knew that his son would be successful in life because he was a *good* young man, and that along with school he already had a job.

I heard every hunting story he had, at least twice and some three times. About hunting with his father, brothers, cousins and friends. If you didn't know him, within a few minutes you found out that Tim loved to hunt. Now he isn't the first partner I've had that loved to hunt or fish and tell you about it, but Tim took it to the next dimension.

He not only told you how he shot and killed Bambi, play-by-play, but he told you how to skin it and why, and then on top of that, how to cook it. Not only the

deer or elk, but any and all lawful critters that you could hunt and kill in the woods. Now I'm married to an Italian, also from upstate New York, but I didn't know until Tim told me that you could kill and cook so many different animals to serve over pasta with sauce. You see Tim only hunted what he could eat.

As a Southern California girl, I don't hunt and as an Aztec Princess, I don't cook, so you could imagine how the conversation and visuals were. Within a short time, Tim had me convinced that I needed to purchase a bow, get one of those tents with the mesh windows, and develop the urge to kill something! I even joined the NRA.

Tim's love for his wife, Kathy, will never end, and that is one thing I know. The girl he met at 13 and fell in love with. I have never heard a man talk about his wife with such reverence, tenderness, and heartfelt emotion. Tim's favorite flower was the Bird of Paradise, and one day he commented about one that we saw that had two blooms coming from one stem. Tim said that it was like he and Kathy, attached at the hip. How sweet and loving. There was no other. There was only Kathy for him.

Tim had two photographs on his desk and they were of his children. He said that Kathy's was embedded in his heart along with "She won't get rid of me."

Tim picked me up from my home every morning in workout gear since we were on the road to fitness. He greeted my husband like one Italian to another

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Los Angeles Police

MEMORIAL FOUNDATION COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS

The Los Angeles Police Memorial Foundation will issue five \$5,000 scholarships in April 2004. Each scholarship will be for \$5,000 per year for four years/\$20,000 maximum.

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

My Partner Timmy

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with a huge smile and many a time a hug and kiss. Tim loved the fact that my husband prepared him food and always had a cup of coffee for him. Tim threatened that if we stopped working together he'd still come by to visit Philip. As we pulled away from my house, he'd say: "Driving Miss Francine," and at the end of the day he'd drop me off with the same smile, commenting that he was "off to see mama."

Recently, we worked endless hours of overtime due to the major work strike. It was then that I found out how much he especially enjoyed working overtime. In one shift we worked 20 hours straight, and I called Kathy and told her "that the later it gets, the more energy Tim seemed to have." It was as if someone was winding him up.

Tim's love for being a Los Angeles Police Officer was so great and evident, especially when he talked about being a Senior Lead Officer for nine years at Foothill Division and when he talked about his basic car 16A25. If you didn't know it, Mission Hills was the place to live in the Valley, if not the city of Los Angeles. His community was the best! From their meetings to their newsletters, from listening to him, as far as I was concerned he was the "Mayor" of Mission Hills!

He told me that he had a saying when he gave out his business card to anyone in his community. "If you need something, here's my telephone number. If I'm not there, leave me a message. If you don't hear from me within two days and the issue hasn't been handled, then you call my captain's office and complain about me." No one ever called.

He knew business owners, store managers, block captains, the shakers and movers, every Pollo Loco location, and the homeless in his area. He told me how on occasion he would feed some of the transients. And by the way, he knew them by name and how these acts of kindness pay off. That a couple of times those transients had provided him with crime information that was occurring in

his area and who the suspects were, several times this information led to arrests. Tim treated everyone with respect.

Tim was the consummate Senior Lead Officer. He was the cop you wanted to respond to your house and be with your family. God forbid a crime had occurred or worse to make the ultimate notification that something bad had happened to you.

During the first few weeks after leaving Foothill and coming to Labor Liaison, he was still getting calls from his community members and following up with Foothill Division. He was so concerned with his Basic Car that he helped and assisted a couple of officers prepare for his position. He even got me to sit in on a mock oral for a female officer that he thought was a good candidate for the Senior Lead Officer position of his former Basic Car. Tim said, "When she worked my area, it was as if Mission Hills had two Senior Lead Officers working the Basic Car."

Tim always admired when officers took personal interest and cared about the community we serve and protect. He cared about Mission Hills as if he and his family lived there. And to hear him speak of Mission Hills, I understood that his family, his community family, did in fact live there.

He told me a story about hiding in the trees with binoculars in a field across from an AM/PM convenience store late at night. This store had been robbed several times, and after doing his homework on the crime pattern, he was set. He was determined, regardless of having to stay out in the cold for hours, but he was going to stop this crime. He was going to catch the robber. I think the suspect got wind of Tim's plan, because the robberies stopped and the suspect never showed up again.

I got the impression that Tim was disappointed that the robberies stopped, and I asked him why. He said that it was more important to arrest the suspect than to allow him to continue with his crime and escalate to bigger and more violent ones. Bottom line he said, his community deserved that the robber be arrested.

Tim recently found out that his Aztec name was Timoteo. You see he wanted to

learn Spanish, and he decided that as his partner it was my responsibility to teach him. Every day we practiced words and phrases, and he even used a few on Latinos working on the strike lines.

Tim was happy to be a Roman Catholic and liked that we had our religion in common, that I crossed myself when we drove by a church, and that we had a Rosary at all times in our car. Sometimes, when it was his turn to drive, he'd circle a church a few times because he knew that I would keep crossing myself. He'd have a good laugh and say that we needed all the help we could get that day. He told me about Father Pete, a "cool priest" in New York who married him and Kathy and how Chief Bratton, also a New Yorker, and he had Father Pete as a friend in common.

Two days before Tim left for vacation to New York, we were in our city unmarked vehicle stopped in traffic on the Hollywood Freeway when we were rear-ended by an SUV. We were transported by ambulance to the hospital where I was admitted and Tim released with aches and pains. While in the hospital, my telephone rang. It was the day after the accident, and it was about 8:00 at night. When I answered the telephone, the voice on the other end said it was Timoteo and he said he was coming to visit me after he stopped by to see my husband at home. I could tell he was in pain and he complained about hurting as the consequences of our traffic collision. I asked that he not visit and to go on home, but he insisted that he needed to see how I was doing and bring me some Rocky Road ice cream.

He came and sat with me for over two hours discussing the events of the day I had missed, the rallies, our reports, the status of the strikes in progress and that when he returned from New York we needed to take Armando, a UFCW labor business associate, out for a pork chop meal.

By the way, he brought along a half gallon of Dreyer's Rocky Road ice cream and a potted plant. He remem-

bered that I liked plants, and this one had spotted leaves, and he liked it. He sweet-talked the nurses to give him spoons and Styrofoam cups, and we ate some of the ice cream while we talked.

He said that if he didn't have this hunting trip planned and that he was looking forward to visit with his East Coast family, that he could very well have been admitted to the hospital as well. He was sore from the accident, but could put up with it because he was looking forward to hunting and seeing his family.

We discussed someone who recently had been rude to us and his comment was, "How sad to be so miserable; hopefully their life will improve." He ended by adding, "we're not going to let their negativity affect us. We have a great job and work for a great lieutenant. We're Two Idiots." Tim always respected his chain of command, and he respected Lt. Guerrero.

I've attempted to make sense of Tim's untimely death, and then I remembered something he told me during an exercise hike. Tim said: "If I were to die tomorrow, you know what? I've lived. I've lived life to the fullest. Don't get me wrong, I don't want to die, but if I were to die, I've had a great life! I have a wonderful wife and two great kids. I have a job that I love, and it has allowed me to provide for my family and do the things I want."

He said it with such conviction that I knew it to be true. He said it with such gusto that it gives me great comfort to know he lived his life to the fullest.

We will ALL miss him, and I only wish that I could be as good a person as Timoteo was. Special people like Tim are rare, and when they cross our path and touch us, such as Tim touched many, they become a part of who we are, and our lives are richer for it.

God, what would I do to hear another one of his hunting stories.

Tim, my partner, is my hero. Thank you, Francine Carrasco de Spada, Sergeant, Los Angeles Police Department Labor Liaison Section

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Supreme Court Broadens Ability to Make Traffic Stop Arrests

by Gary Fullerton, Esq.

One of the most difficult aspects of vehicle stops has traditionally been deciding whom to arrest when contraband was located inside a vehicle occupied by several suspects. Traditionally officers have had to make a judgment call based upon the location of the contraband in relationship to the positioning of the suspects. Recently, the U.S. Supreme Court has relaxed the rule relating to such incidents, giving greater latitude to officers to arrest *everyone* in a car found to contain contraband.

In a unanimous decision written by Chief Justice Rehnquist in *Maryland v. Pringle*, 2003 DJDAR 13581 (U.S. Dec. 15, 2003), it was held that if an officer has probable cause to believe that one occupant of a vehicle had committed a drug crime, either solely or jointly, then based on the totality of the circum-

stances, all occupants of the vehicle may be arrested.

The underlying case involved a stop of a speeding vehicle at 3 a.m. by a Baltimore police officer. There were three young men in the car. When the officer asked the driver for his driver's license and registration, the driver opened the vehicle glove box. The officer observed a large roll of currency inside the glove box, so he ordered the occupants out of the vehicle. The driver was asked if he would consent to a search of his vehicle for drugs and money and he gave verbal consent. The search revealed five baggies of crack cocaine hidden in a back-seat armrest.

Upon questioning, none of the suspects admitted to possession of the drugs. All three were transported to the station and questioned. During questioning, the front passenger suspect, Pringle, admitted that the cocaine was his and

that he intended to sell it at a party.

The other two men were released and Pringle was charged and later convicted of drug possession with intent to distribute and was sentenced to ten years in prison without the possibility of parole.

Pringle appealed and the Maryland Court of Appeals overturned his conviction. The Appeals Court held that the arresting officer did not have probable cause to arrest Pringle, therefore violating his Fourth Amendment right against unreasonable search and seizure.

Upon appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court, the unanimous decision reversing the Appeals Court held that the probable cause standard must be "fluid" because it deals with probabilities and depends on the totality of circumstances. In deciding whether or not an officer's actions are legal, it should be looked at from the viewpoint of "an objectively reasonable police officer." If the officer's actions are seen as being reasonable based on the totality of the circumstances, then the results should be found to be lawful.

Rehnquist reasoned that when three men were riding in a car with \$763 of rolled-up cash in the glove box directly in front of the accused suspect, and the drugs were accessible to all three occupants, then it was reasonable to infer that any or all three of the occupants had knowledge of, and exercised dominion and control over, the cocaine. Because of this, a reasonable officer could conclude that there was probable cause to believe that any of the three committed the crime of possession of cocaine, either solely or jointly. Coupled with the fact that Pringle confessed later to the crime, there were sufficient facts to support his conviction.

Rehnquist distinguished *Pringle* from

the previous decision of *Ybarra v. Illinois*, 444 U.S. 85 (1979), in which the court barred searches of all patrons of a tavern where police suspected drugs were being sold. In *Pringle*, all three suspects were in a relatively small car and it was reasonable for the officer to infer a common enterprise among the three men, whereas it was much more tenuous to infer such a common enterprise among numerous patrons in a tavern.

Pringle's attorney argued that such a holding was drastic because the drugs were not in plain sight, thus the court had to *infer* that each occupant knew about the drugs in the first place. Such a decision, argued the defense, did away with the law requiring individualized suspicion. But such flexibility of the requirement for individualized probable cause allowed officers to arrest all occupants under appropriate circumstances and sort out the facts later with questioning and investigation.

In the past, it has been generally assumed that without specific facts to indicate otherwise, only one person in a vehicle was responsible for possession of drugs. With *Pringle*, all occupants can be arrested if there are sufficient facts to convince an objectively reasonable officer that all three could be responsible, either as a common enterprise or solely.

Laws affecting the way in which you must carry out your duties are ever changing and are difficult to follow. The most important thing you can do is act reasonably and openly. Document everything. Consider videotaping or at least audiotaping. Such evidence is vital to the successful prosecution of your cases. It will also protect you from unwarranted personnel complaints. ♦

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Mind-Body Basics

The Mind-Body Connection refers to the relationship between mind and body that can bring about healing and maintain wellness. Its popularity is growing among the medical community as well as the public because it appears to be working!

A few notable examples:

- Mind-Body practices have been analyzed in thousands of drug studies; they are now acknowledged by traditional medical research to be real and powerful.
- Patients who participated in a six-hour stress management program after suffering a heart attack showed a 50 percent reduction in cardiac deaths.
- A study of 2,000 regular practitioners of meditation found they had 55 percent fewer doctor office visits for tumors; 87 percent fewer visits for heart disease, and 30 percent fewer visits for infectious diseases than other groups.
- Patients who took an eight week training course learned how to lower their blood pressure with relaxation techniques, and a three-year follow-up showed participants had maintained their improved condition.

What is Mind-Body medicine? Generally, it's a group of non-traditional medical practices that involve your physical health and your psychological, spiritual, and emotional parts, capitalizing on the powerful interaction between all these elements to create and maintain both physical and mental/emotional health. The most common Mind-Body practices include:

- Meditation and spiritual exercises
- Relaxation through breathing and guided imagery
- Nutritional and lifestyle changes
- Acupuncture
- Yoga, Qigong and similar practices
- Laughter (yes, seriously!)

Much of the Mind-Body medicine that's studied and reported focuses on one of two goals contributing to recovery from serious illnesses such as cancer and heart disease, and counteracting the effects of modern day stress on mind, spirit and body.

Serious illness Mind-Body practitioners believe that drug and surgical intervention can be enhanced through the use of one or more of the techniques listed above. However, they are careful to point out that Mind-Body techniques can contribute to clinical improvements—relief from the side-effects of traditional medicine, improvement in symptoms, and a healthier emotional state—even in cases where it is not possible to bring about medical improvements—that is, reduction

or halting of the patient's medical disease.

Stress: The Mind-Body approach teaches that stress can significantly weaken your body's immune system. It also teaches that a more balanced way of coping with life stressors involves the appropriate expression of all emotions and the ability to meet one's own needs while responding to those of others. Mind-Body techniques work by restoring and strengthening your immune system, your stamina, and other defenses that stress can damage and destroy.

If stress or illness are playing a negative role in your life, you may want to take a serious look at all that Mind-Body has to offer. Here are some additional points to consider:

Mind-Body techniques make up a complimentary form of medicine, meant to be used in conjunction with (not instead of) traditional western medicine.

Many Mind-Body techniques are quite simple, but they need to be practiced regularly and sustained over a lasting period of time.

And remember, you don't have to practice all the techniques you read or hear about. Working in the one or two areas you are most open to and comfortable with can yield significant benefits.

A word of caution, however: this field is not regulated as rigidly as traditional medical science, and there is ample opportunity for the greedy or dishonest to take advantage of more relaxed consumer standards for products and services. A little healthy skepticism may come in handy, and the farther the beaten path your explorations take you, the more you may want to do some homework to be sure the practice you're considering is legitimate.

Want more information? Contact:

Center for Mind-Body Medicine,
www.cmbm.org.

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- ☐ An applicant must be a 2004 high school graduate with a "C" average or better.
- ☐ The candidate will be judged on his/her scholastic record and extracurricular activities. If qualified to compete, the candidate will be invited to the essay portion of the Scholarship Awards Program.
- ☐ The essay will be held in the Spring of 2004. **The essay portion will be administered on one day, at one time, and at one location. Applicants must appear in person on that date and time. THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS.**

The scholarship finalists will be selected by the League Scholarship Committee.

This is a unique opportunity for the dependents of LAPPL members to earn scholarship assistance for the 2004 Fall college semester. The awards are based on the ability to analyze the essay question and then respond to it in writing.

If you would like to be considered, please complete the form and mail to the League office, **1308 West Eighth Street, Fourth Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90017**. You may also pick up an application at the League office or request an application by telephone at **213-251-4599** or send E-mail to **lisa@lappl.org**.

Very truly yours,
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Request for Scholarship Application

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Home Telephone: () _____

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Serial No.: _____

Work Telephone No.: _____

Retired: _____ Active: _____

Your Relationship to the League member who qualifies you as a scholarship applicant: _____

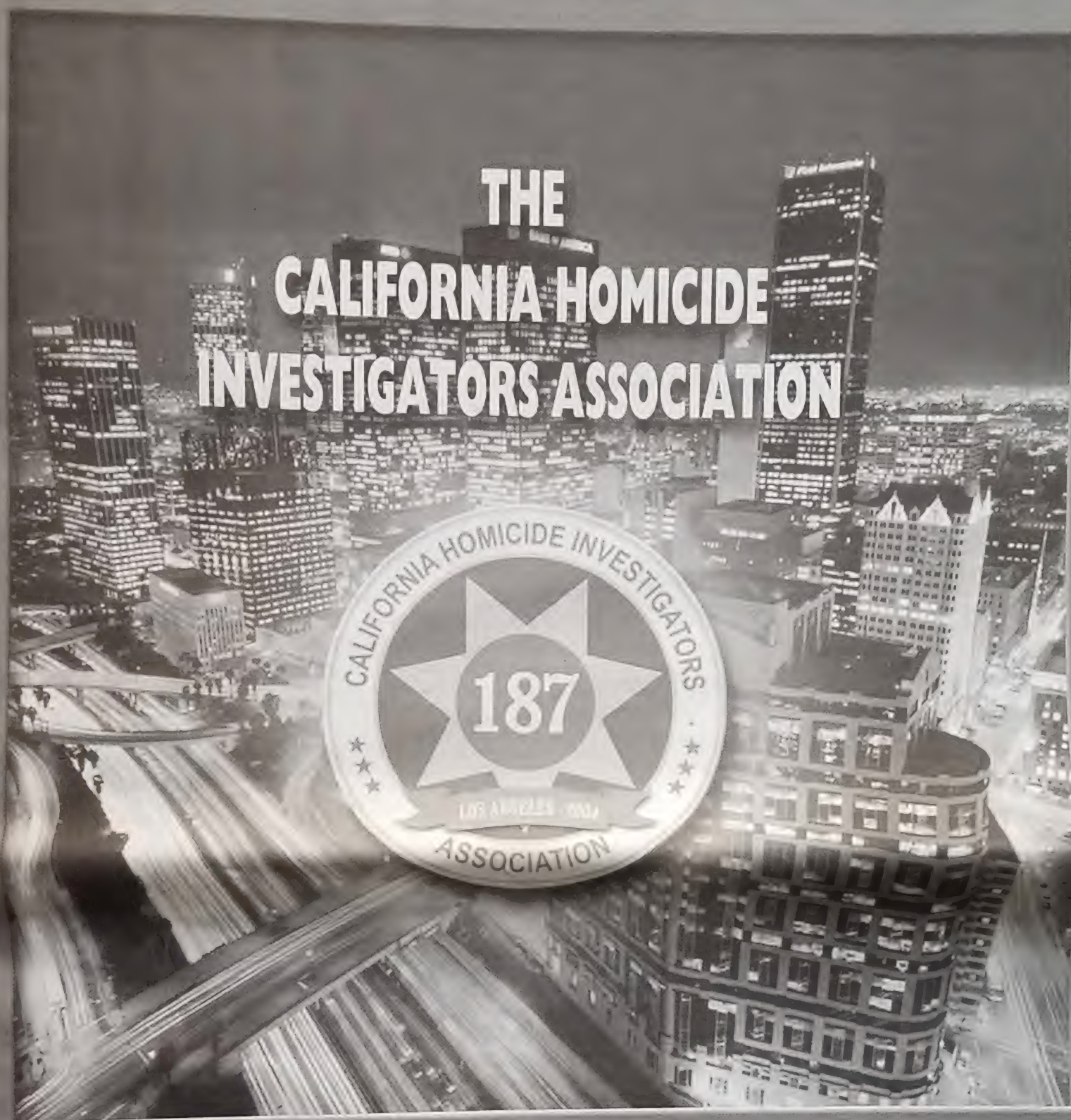
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NEWS FROM N.L.E.O.M.F.

Law Enforcement Officer Fatalities Reach 148 for 2003

Shootings and Automobile Accidents Cited as Leading Causes of Death

WASHINGTON, D.C.—In the year 2003, 148 law enforcement officers across the nation were killed in the line of duty, representing the second year in a row that the number has been well below the decade-long average of 166 annual police deaths. The 142 male and 6 female officers who died worked in 38 of our nation's 50 states, as well as Puerto Rico and one federal agency.

According to the 2003 "Fallen Heroes Report" released jointly by the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund (NLEOMF) and the Concerns of Police Survivors (COPS), the states with the highest number of officer fatalities were: California (18), Georgia (10), Texas (10), Virginia (8), and Florida, Louisiana and Tennessee (7). California saw the greatest increase in officer fatalities with an increase in eight from the previous year. The most significant drop in officer fatalities were experienced by federal law enforcement with nine fewer deaths in 2003 than in 2002. The 148 officers killed in 2003 matched the fatality figure recorded in 2002.

Of the 148 officers killed during 2003, preliminary data shows that 53 died in automobile accidents; 52 were shot to death; 13 were struck by automobiles while on duty outside their vehicles; 11 died in motorcycle accidents; 6 succumbed to job-related illnesses; 4 drowned; 2 suffered fatal beatings; 2 fell to their deaths; 1 was stabbed to death; 1 died in an aircraft accident; 1 was electrocuted; 1 was strangled; and 1 was hit by a train.

"The Memorial Fund is committed to honoring every fallen police officer," said NLEOMF Chairman Craig W.

Floyd. "Yet, as we honor those fallen heroes from the past, we must also look to the future and demand the safest possible working conditions for our law officers. We must give our law enforcement agencies the necessary financial resources, staffing levels, safety equipment and training to safely and effectively respond to conventional crime and to combat the growing threat of terrorism. This should include less-than-lethal weaponry so officers are given more choices than simply kill or be killed when confronting dangerous felons."

"Every U.S. law enforcement officer fatality is a national tragedy," said Linda Hintergardt-Soubirous, President of COPS. "COPS pays tribute to those brave men and women who made the supreme sacrifice and in our 20th year of service, as in years past, promises to provide healing, love and life renewed to their surviving families and affected coworkers as well."

Dating back to the first known law enforcement fatality in 1792, there have been more than 16,000 federal, state and local officers killed in the United States. All of those names are inscribed on the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial, which is located in Washington, D.C. The names of the officers killed in 2003 will be formally added to that Memorial at a candlelight vigil on May 13th. The NLEOMF is now in the process of building a National Law Enforcement Museum across the street from the Memorial to tell the history of law enforcement in America, including the individual tales of these fallen heroes.



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Glock Comes to Patrol

by Nick Zingo

The Department's *first patrol Glock Transition School* started January 12, 2004, at the Elysian Park Firearms Range. A total of 17 officers attended, successfully passed, and are now authorized to carry the Glock pistol. By the end of the week, four transition schools

directive to the Training Division Firearms Training Unit (FTU) to research, evaluate and make recommendations as to the feasibility of the Glock Pistol as an optional purchase weapon for officers of the Los Angeles Police Department.

After extensive research, evaluation and consultation with police departments nationwide as well as the FBI, Training Division recommended that officers be authorized

gun for on and off-duty use.

The Firearms Training Unit then trained adjunct instructors throughout the Department to deliver the Glock instruction during the two day, 16-hour transition school.

FTU is currently developing a lesson plan for revolver shooters to transition to the Glock, and it is anticipated that revolver to Glock transition schools should be available soon.

Currently, there are four Glock transition schools a week at Elysian Park. Additional schools will be added based

tem. Glock pistols are lighter in weight than the pistols currently approved. The Glock has a significant advantage in magazine capacity (for example, the Glock Model 17, 9mm has a capacity of 17 rounds). The trigger system provides for a more uniform trigger press from the first shot to the last shot. Officers will significantly improve their shot placement with the easier, consistent, trigger system.

Glock pistols have reduced recoil than the pistols currently approved. Its ergonomic design allows officers with smaller hands to easily handle the gun.

Glock pistols are manufactured with an integral accessory rail that will enable the option of a dedicated light.

Sign Up

In order to qualify for the Glock 16-hour transition school, officers must have successfully completed a previous semi-auto school for the S&W and/or Beretta Pistol. Officers are required to have a weapon (Glock 9mm, .40 or .45 caliber) of the approved type, appropriate holster and magazine pouch, snap caps and personal eye and ear protection if available.

Officers wishing to "sign-up" for Glock Transition should see their divisional training coordinators. Divisional Training Coordinators will coordinate the "sign-up" for Glock School at their respective divisions. Bureau Training Coordinators will be provided the number of officers that can be trained during each transition school.

If you need further information regarding approved models, equipment etc. call The Davis Training Section, Firearms Training Unit Armory at (818)832-3715.



Close up.



On the line.

were conducted qualifying approximately 70 officers the first week.

The Glock Transition School is a 16-hour block of instruction provided over two eight-hour days. Preliminary estimates indicate that over 1,000 officers have purchased a Glock pistol.

Background

In May, 2003, Chief Bratton issued a

to carry the Glock 9mm, .40 and .45 caliber semi-automatic pistols, after the successful completion of a 16-hour transition school.

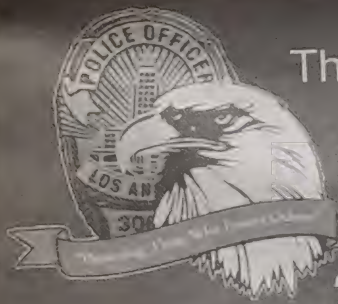
In August 2003, the Los Angeles Police Commission approved the selected models as an officer-purchased hand-

on range availability and *instructor availability*. Plans are also underway to add classes at the Davis Training Facility in the near future.

Advantages

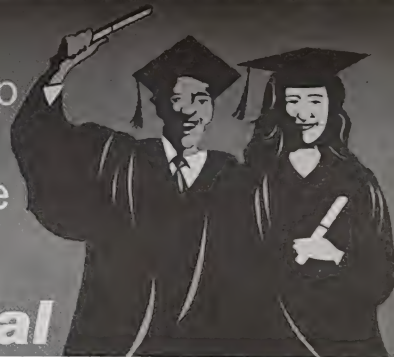
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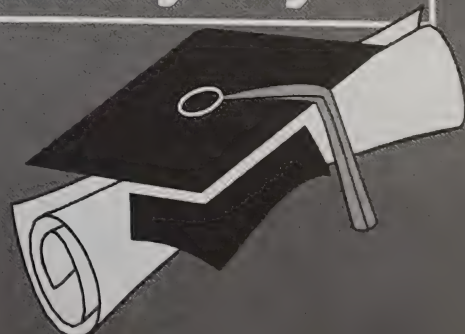
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DIVISIONAL REPORTER

Divisional Reporter is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. Divisional Reporters may submit one report per Division for publication. Deadline for submission is the 1st of the month for the following month's issue date.

All R-Round Town

by Cathy Hardy
Metropolitan Division

Greetings, sports fans. I'm back! By popular demand that is. Lots of news to catch up on. Some not so new, but absolutely noteworthy. My apologies in advance if I miss a newsworthy item. Hopefully 2004 is shaping up to be a good year and Cupid will be sweet on the 14th.

Up, Out and Platoon Changes

Jim Lewis, C pltn, Sgt. I, Central; **Alcenda Neal**, B pltn, Sgt. I, NOE; **Mark Holguin**, B pltn, Det. I, WIL; **Dan Thompson**, +1 B pltn to Tactics (TRNG DIV); **Chris Hagerty** to TRNG Div; **Mike Damianakes** to Narcotics; **Greg Hoskins**, +1 C pltn to Sgt. I, HAR.

Last summer Metro's finest hosted a FNG school with some slightly seasoned and incoming personnel. To the

now slightly seasoned element members, your official print welcome.

Gordon "Just Call me Trey" Baskett (C pltn), **Gary Borg** (C pltn), **Robert Brown** (C pltn), **Charles Joh** (B pltn), **Mike Menegio** (C pltn), **Ki Nam** (B pltn), **Darryl Norwood**, **Lazaro Ramirez** (B pltn), **Eddie Roca** (B pltn), **Scott Young** (B pltn), **Cliff Chu** (C pltn), **Dave Corbet** (B pltn), **Rich Hurtado** (C pltn), **Nhut Hnyh** (C pltn), **Nick Milazzo** (C pltn), **Bob Saito** (C pltn), **Steve Wills** (C pltn), **Steve Kehoe** (C pltn), **Kevin Scott** (C pltn), and **Canaan Bodell** (C pltn). Officially welcomed to the 41-54 club were **Thomas Chinappi**, **Andy Hudlett** and **Joe Rubert**. New additions to the 41-54 plus one club were **Lee McMillion** and **Mike Baker**. Congrats to all. On board now with the MOS crew is new MA **Gail Bebee**. Welcome.

2003 C-Platoon "Jimmy P" Award

Each year C platoon awards the coveted "Jimmy P" award to officers who personify courage, professionalism, swift wit and appreciation for humor. Officer **James Pagliotti** was one of Metro's finest. On June 22, 1987, Jimmy was gunned down while responding to fellow Metro officers' help call while working a Target Detail. Affectionately known as "Jimmy P," his representation

and demeanor personified the cut of a Metropolitan Division officer. He lived by the Metro plaque, which states "Metropolitan Division has a special mission with special people, earn your reputation." The Jimmy P Honor Roll includes **Ken Yerkes**, 1988; **Andy Lamprey**, **James Moody**, **Glen Krejci** and **Randy Garcia**, **Rod Rodriguez**, 1990; **Rich Ludwig** and **Rich Kosier**, 1992; **James Moody**, **John Puis** and **Mike Daly**, 1994; **Scott Reitz** and **Ron Stamps**, **Mike Hillmann**, 1997; **Bob Hamilton**, **Tim Russell**, **George Lopez** and **Herman Warren**, **Grady Dublin**, 1999; **Ed Mayotorena** and **John Robertson**, **George Haines** and **Rich Ludwig**.

The 2003 award was presented to **Ray Nonora**, who has been recognized by his peers for his selfless dedication to the Metro mission and his tireless performance and support of his platoon and his division. Ray's consummate contribution to those around him, coupled with his quick wit and sense of humor, continue the tradition by those honored alumni that have gone before him, and never let us forget the sacrifice made by Jimmy P for his fellow Metro officers. "Feel the heat, pride runs deep, never surrender, never retreat." Congratulations, Ray.

One Very Special Metro Man

Once a Boy Scout, always a gentleman, always prepared. Always positive, always willing to help. Ray was selected to Metro in February, 1973. He was assigned to C platoon until his selection to SWAT in April, 1974. Great things start with great people. Ray left SWAT and was reassigned to C platoon until his retirement. Never one to call attention to himself, Ray was the consummate team player and every inch the personification of the portrait behind the mission. At Ray's memorial service, Deputy Chief Michael Hillmann stated it best. The Chief reflected that he hears many comments about "Metro culture" in his conversations around town. The



Always the gentleman. Ray at the 1984 Olympic Games.

comments were often represented in a demeaning or condescending fashion. In true Metro Man fashion, the Chief responded with accurate verbal dispensation. Metro is all about achievement and tradition. The kind of tradition that involves challenge, honesty, danger, responsibility, family values, leadership camaraderie, pride and the ability to get things done that no one else would or could ever do. The "Metro Culture" or better described as tradition was established by individuals who have gone before all of us, like Ray. Police officers who are dedicated, work hard day in and day out and make a difference in our society both on and off duty. It's all about being able to achieve in the face of uncertainty, using the team approach and experience to do what others just wish they could do. The legacy of Ray is that he contributed silently yet tremendously to the Metro tradition through his persona, abilities and constant strive to accomplish the mission. Chief Hillmann kindly thanked Ray's lifelong love, his wife Peggy, daughter Patti-Ann, and son Keith for sharing husband and father with us for so many years as he was a friend, guardian, mentor, great police officer, and a great Metro Man.

Until next time. R-10 girl, clear. ❖



S.W.A.T., the early days. Left to right: Ray Sifling, unknown Officer, Al Preciado, Ray Hernandez and Donnie Anderson.

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West LA Journal

by Mary Dacey
West L.A. Division

Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of their country. Many thanks to *all* of the good men and women who did, indeed, come to the aid of their country by serving in the Armed Forces. At the time of this writing, it is one day after the announcement was made to the world that Saddam Hussein had been captured in a rat hole across the Tigris River from one of his old palaces! When I heard the news, I thought of singing the song from "The Wizard of Oz," "Ding, dong, the witch is dead..." Anyway, hallelujah. Hopefully Osama bin Laden will be following close behind. It just proves that you can run, but you can't hide.

In "local" news, local station news that is, **Ed Dias** claims that he will be retiring in July. He said, "Twenty-seven years is enough. There comes a time in life when you realize you're not going to live to be 140 years old." He also said that his buddy, **Dave Ybarra**, plans to do the same thing. I just find this hard to believe. After all, how could they leave when they're having so much fun? What would they do without the camaraderie? Who could fill their shoes? Hmm?!

The White Elephant Christmas Gift Exchange is like a box of chocolates—you never know what you're gonna get. (haha) This time around the mystery boxes contained a manicure set, a movie, a CD case, wall "Gun Shop" art, NASCAR mugs with cocoa, Disney playthings, soaps and lotions, a remote-controlled police helicopter, a photo album and more. Join us next year, won't you?

I heard from several sources that they truly enjoyed the West L.A. Christmas holiday party. Several prizes were awarded and attendees had a delicious dinner followed by a moonlight serenade (or something to that effect). **Eric** and **Grace Quan** enjoyed themselves immensely. Lt. **Charlie Duke** mingled among the guests. SLO **Dennis Hinman** said "The party was intimate, cozy, not too many people, about 100." Officer **Hinman** won a DVD, and **Lowell Ferreira** won a golf package. Speaking of SLO Officer **Hinman**, he will now really have to watch his P's and Q's as **Barb Scrappy Scallon** has been rightfully reinstated to her rank of P3+1 and one of her first orders of duty will be to keep **Dennis** in line. After all, if she can't do it, nobody can! Officer **Scallon** is a



Pill + I Barb "Scappy" Scallon!

hard-working, dedicated employee whose year spent in the detectives unit was appreciated by everyone, especially yours truly as she brought a spark and a sense of humor with her.

"You can get your kicks on Route 66," said Lt. **Menza**, who apparently has quite a baseball cap collection, including one from that very same route. I'm hoping to be able to see them soon and perhaps even get a picture for one of the upcoming issues of *The Thin Blue Line*. His cap collection also includes one from Ohio State and a few from the Cleveland Indians. Lt. **Menza** and Sgt. **Lally** are both from the Cleveland area and could synchronize their hat wardrobes by wearing the bb caps on the



Sergeant Leon Mims and Lieutenant Frank Menza... doing what they do best - whatever that is!

same day...or not. I guess I let the cat out of the bag when I called and told the lieutenant that I wanted to put him in the *Blue Line*. He said, "I have a checkered past with so many skeletons in the closet that it would be such an embarrassment." Ha ha. By the way, he used to write for the *Blue Line* himself when he worked at I.A. "You worked at I.A.?" I asked. "I started the I.A. thing," he answered.

Another one of Lt. "Frank" Mike Menza's hobbies is creating fountains out of rocks or steel. To date he has only made a few, but who knows what the future has in store. I asked Frank what brought him to California and he said it was the Marine Corps (this was followed by a burst of laughter). He said that the Camp Pendleton people are commonly known as Marines and Squids (Navy). I then asked why he joined the LAPD and he said that he thought it looked like fun. He then said, "Boy, was I wrong." (more laughter) At least he has managed to keep his sense of humor throughout the duration. Way to go, Frank, Mike, or whatever your name is!

At the time of the last couple of trans-

fers I must have been in la-la land or something, and so I had some catching up to do. Sgt. **D. Bluestein** went to IAG and was promoted to Sgt. 2. We gained recently promoted Det. 1 **Rick Ishitani**, but lost Det. **Dave Keating** to Devonshire. Sgt. **J. Mudgett** left for Foothill, P3 **J. Costa** for Hollywood, and P3 **A. Adler** arrived from CID. P2 **R. Peters** went to Foothill and **B. Cook** to Pacific. Sgt. **Dana Berns** went to PRD as a Sgt. 2, and Det. **Maria Martinez** went to SE as a Sgt. 2. Congratulations. P3 **A. Gilmer** left for PRD and P3 **J. Gaffney**



The homicide detective at work - carving up a turkey, that is. Actually, Detective Ron Phillips did the carving and Detective Joel Price did the eating.

was promoted from SE. P2s **I. McMillan** went to NOE and **J. Marshall** went to Pacific. Hopefully no one was left off of the list. And now for the latest transfer, that is if it arrived by January 30th when this was written. If not, you shall all remain in suspense for another month.

As always, it has been my pleasure to write this edition of the LAPD *Blue Line* for which I am thankful.

Oh, by the way, next time you see **Todd Schmitz**, ask him if he knows a good place to get a pedicure. ❖

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PRDeez Notes

by Adam N. Broderick
Planning and Research Division

H&G's (Hi's and Goodbyes)

For those PRD personnel that sneak in or out of the division without a word in print, I must apologize. My view from the west side is somewhat limited, and I don't always catch the goings on at the east (PAB) side. To those that I have missed, H&G.

In an unexpected turn of events, P.O. **Stephen Crawford** was activated for military service and shipped out to Iraq at the end of DP 13. We wish you God-speed and thank you for your service to our country.

Other Stuff

The PRD holiday party was a great success. The event was held at the New Moon restaurant here in downtown. The food was delicious, and there was plenty of it. Last minute fundraisers kept the cost low and funded door prizes for everyone in attendance. Some of the prizes included home stereo systems and digital cameras. Pretty fancy, huh?

A smaller and less well known event

was the PRD-west luncheon and gift exchange. Everyone brought a wrapped gift and numbers were then drawn to determine the order for selecting a gift from the table. It had to be opened in front of everyone, and the twist was that each gift could be "stolen" up to three times. This made for an interesting time, and there were no loyalties when it came to nabbing the good stuff. (Read into this DVD movies and adult beverages.)

The sergeant interviews are almost over and then the drum roll begins. Where will we place? Who will band highest? Did all of this studying really pay off? And what about a freeze? Was this all for naught? Who says desk jobs aren't stressful? What? Nobody says that? Oh, never mind then.

Mysteries Revealed

Preparing for the sergeant interviews taught us a very valuable lesson that I will share with you. Check your personnel package downtown. I guarantee you that it will be incomplete. There are just too many of us for the limited staff at personnel to keep up with. Once you get it updated, be sure to review it at least once a year to maintain it. This will save you the last minute headaches many of us faced trying to track down old personnel ratings, certificates and the like.

Recruitment Drive

I'm tired of begging you to call us. As a matter of fact, don't. We're all booked up. Keep your eyes open for future available positions, but until then, keep on keeping on.

Until next time...C-ya. ❖



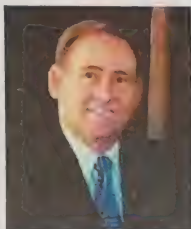
HELP MAKE POLITICS WORK

Peter Repovich



Councilman Eric Garcetti, 13th District

Similar to Councilman Padilla, Councilman Garcetti is one of the City Council's youngest members and was elected to office in 2001. Also serving as assistant president pro tempore, his district covers the areas of Hollywood, Silver Lake, Echo Park, Atwater Village, Elysian Valley, Glassell Park, Temple-Beverly, Thai Town, Little Armenia, and Filipino Town. Although his goals during his tenure center more on programs for the underprivileged and the environment, Councilman Garcetti, has shown a strong commitment to the well-being of the Force and recently supported a ballot measure that would ask Los Angeles residents to pay a tax to fund the recruitment of additional police officers and the development of crime intervention programs. Councilman Garcetti is up for re-election in 2005.



Councilman Greig Smith, 12th District

Elected to the City Council in 2003, Councilman Smith not only serves the public as a Councilmember and a highly regarded LAPD Line Reserve officer in the Devonshire Division. As the representative for the communities of Chatsworth, Northridge, Granada Hills, Porter Ranch, most of North Hills and parts of Canoga Park, West Hills, Mission Hills, Winnetka and Encino, he centered his platform on the promise that he would "serve" his constituents as their Councilman and "protect" them as an LAPD Reserve Officer. Serving on three council committees, he counts family and public safety among his top priorities. Councilman Smith is up for re-election in 2007.



Councilwoman Cindy Miscikowski, 11th District

Representing the communities of the Pacific Palisades, Brentwood, Mar Vista, West LA, Westchester, Venice, Del Rey and Playa Del Rey, Councilwoman Miscikowski also serves as the President Pro Tempore of the Council. She was re-elected to the Council in 2001. As chair of the Public Safety Committee, she has a good deal of influence over the law enforcement policy issues the Council hears and decides on. She also sits on the Executive Employee Relations Committee, which negotiates all city contracts. Simply put, Councilwoman Miscikowski is the dean of the Council, and is deeply involved in many issues related to police officers and the jobs they do. Councilwoman Miscikowski is up for re-election in 2005.



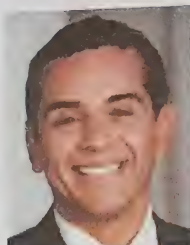
Councilman Martin Ludlow, 10th District

Recently elected to the City Council in 2003, Councilman Ludlow has proven to be an important player in public safety and law enforcement policy. As the representative for the areas of South Robertson, Koreatown, Wilshire Center and the Crenshaw District, he has made it his priority to improve community and police relations and organized an unprecedented "Crime Summit" which brought together the leadership of California's law enforcement to address the rash of murders in South LA during the summer of '99. Furthermore, Councilman Ludlow also served as the Field Director for the Christopher Commission Police Reform - Charter Amendment Campaign and was appointed by former Governor Gray Davis to sit on the California Council on Criminal Justice. Councilman Ludlow has an extensive history full of rich experience with the Democratic Party, including coordinating several campaigns for high-profile Democratic candidates. He was also Antonio Villaraigosa's Chief Deputy during his service as speaker of the California State Assembly. Councilman Ludlow is up for re-election in 2007.



Councilwoman Jan Perry, 9th District

Councilwoman Perry was elected in 2001 and represents downtown and communities south of downtown, east of the Harbor Freeway. Immersed in politics since childhood, she has become a major force for community improvement projects including greater access basic to city services, expansion of after-school programs for kids, increasing green space in urban communities, and encouraging and fostering economic growth in all parts of the district. Similar to Councilman Reyes, Councilwoman Perry understands the importance of maintaining a solid relationship with the Force and hosted a public hearing for the new police and safety complex proposal this past summer. She currently sits on five ongoing and ad hoc committees including the Public Safety Committee. Councilwoman Perry is up for re-election in 2005.



Councilman Antonio Villaraigosa, 14th District

The first modern City Council candidate to beat an incumbent in a primary election, Councilman Villaraigosa was sworn into office in 2003. Representing the communities of East Los Angeles and Boyle Heights, he ran on a platform that focused on community safety, economic development and planning, and parks and environmental issues, while emphasizing improved constituent services. Since then, Councilman Villaraigosa has already begun fulfilling his promise to community safety by joining Police Chief Bratton to support the LAPD Latino Recruitment Initiative to promote the hiring of bilingual officers in the Force. Prior to joining the Council, Councilman Villaraigosa was elected to the California State Assembly in 1994 representing the 45th District, and served as Speaker of the Assembly. He also ran against James Hahn in the mayoral election in 2001. Councilman Villaraigosa is up for re-election in 2007.



Mayor James K. Hahn

Elected as Los Angeles' mayor in 2001, Mayor Hahn is an important ally to the LAPPL and goal of making Los Angeles the safest city in America. Mayor Hahn has often worked collaboratively with the LAPPL on important goals as: reforming the flexible work schedule, and bringing Bratton to the Department. Furthermore, Mayor Hahn has continued to make public safety a priority have continued in state the vehicle license fee which would ensure adequate funding for police departments. Mayor Hahn is up for re-election in 2005.



Tim McOsker

Chief of Staff for Mayor Hahn

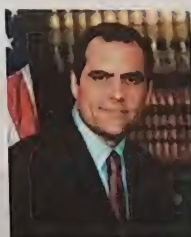
Assuming the role of Chief of Staff when Mayor Hahn was elected Mayor of Los Angeles in 2001, Tim McOsker was named to this post a mere 36 hours after Mayor Hahn was elected. McOsker and Mayor Hahn are very close and McOsker is a valued aide; he previously served as Mayor Hahn's Chief Deputy when he was City Attorney. As Chief of Staff, McOsker is Mayor Hahn's top aide and oversees the rest of the Mayor's staff. It is also interesting to note that McOsker's brothers are both firefighters and officers in UFLAC.



Roberta Yang

Deputy Mayor of Public Safety for Mayor Hahn

Roberta Yang was appointed Deputy Mayor of Public Safety when Mayor Hahn took office in 2001. In this role, she works with the police department, the fire department, animal regulation and emergency preparedness, and also advises Mayor Hahn on public safety-related decisions and policy. Prior to joining Mayor Hahn's staff, Deputy Mayor Yang worked for the Los Angeles City Attorney's office, the State Bar of California and as an associate at a San Francisco law firm.



Rocky Delgadillo City Attorney

Elected as City Attorney in 2001, Delgadillo comes with an impressive track record. Prior to his election, he served as deputy mayor of economic development under former mayor Richard Riordan and a senior attorney at O'Melveny & Myers. Since starting his term, Delgadillo has focused his energy on the areas of crime prevention, police reform, and after school programs for youth and is most well known for his signature Neighborhood Prosecutor Program, which allows prosecutors to get to know residents on a first-name basis and attack quality-of-life crimes where they occur. Delgadillo has also collaborated with the LAPPL on variety of issues including: the extradition of criminals from Mexico, fraudulent police charities, and ensuring fair implementation of the Consent Decree. Delgadillo is up for re-election in 2005.



Councilman Bernard C. Parks, 8th District

Councilman Parks is a familiar face to the League having served as the former police chief. Elected to the City Council in 2003, his district includes Baldwin Hills, Crenshaw, Leimert Park, West Adams, Jefferson Park and Chesterfield Square. Because of his former position with the Department, Councilman Parks has maintained an aggressive role on law enforcement policy and currently sits on six committees including the Public Safety Committee. Councilman Parks also chairs the Budget and Finance Committee, which controls and approves the city budget, including funding for the police department. Councilman Parks is up for re-election in 2007.



Councilman Alex Padilla

Since his election in 1999, Councilman Padilla has a record being the Council's president. Representing the Lake View Terrace, Mission Hills, and Pico-Union City, Councilman Padilla sits on a number of committees including the Executive Employee Relations Committee. A strong advocate for public safety, Councilman Padilla as City Council President was recently celebrated with a reception in his honor. Re-elected to the City Council in 2003, Councilman Padilla is next up for re-election in 2005.

Getting a Seat at the Table

For all of us, 2004 will be an important year in politics. Not only will we be participating in the upcoming presidential primary in March, we will also be obligated to weigh in on a variety of California state issues from the state budget to the vehicle licensing fee, all of which will have large impacts for us and for future generations. As a result, knowing the issues and voicing your opinion on those that affect you and the public good will be more important than ever.

Just like we were taught in our high school civics classes, our right to participate in the political process and vote is one of the most impor-

tant aspects of American freedom and democracy. That's why I'd like to devote this month's column to profiling the politicians whose daily task is to make the decisions that affect our everyday lives. Indeed, it is only by understanding who these people are and playing an active role in ensuring they make the right decisions that we will be able to protect ourselves and our society. It's a responsibility we all share, and it's why the League has always made it its mission to give our members a voice in both the Department and City Hall from the very beginning.



Councilwoman Janice Hahn, 15th District

Although she is Mayor Hahn's sister, Councilwoman Hahn has shown herself to be an independent and vocal politician. Elected in 2001, she serves on five council committees and her district covers the areas of Harbor City, Harbor Gateway, San Pedro, Watts and Wilmington. Although she has focused much of her recent attention on economic issues, especially at the Port of Los Angeles, she is connected with the Police Commission and has been influential in deciding law enforcement policy as seen when she helped develop a compromise for the burglar alarm issue. Furthermore, she has also devoted energy to crime prevention programs and supported the expansion of the Gang Alternatives Program into Watts to provide after-school options for children. Councilwoman Hahn is up for re-election in 2005.

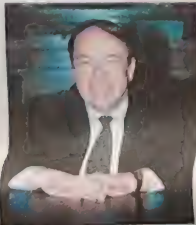


Councilman Ed P. Reyes, 1st District

Councilman Reyes represents the ethnically diverse District 1 which stretches from MacArthur Park and Mt. Washington and includes the communities of Chinatown, Lincoln Heights and Pico-Union. He was elected to the council in 2001. Councilman Reyes' district is unique in that it includes portions of six LAPD divisions: Rampart, Hollenbeck, Northeast, Central, Wilshire and Southwest. The first councilmember to host the current Police Commission at a community meeting in Cypress Park, Councilman Reyes has always considered law enforcement to be a top priority. Indeed, as vice-president of the Council's Public Safety Committee, he has been working on addressing such issues as community-based policing and citywide police deployment and, most recently, requested that the Department disclose how officers and detectives are assigned throughout the city to ensure that they are protecting the communities that need it most. Councilman Reyes is up for re-election in 2005.

James K. Hahn

As Los Angeles' mayor in 2001, Mayor Hahn continues to be an ally to the LAPPL and its members. With his much publicized making Los Angeles the safest big city in the United States, Mayor Hahn often worked collaboratively with the League to achieve such goals as: reforming the discipline system; offering officers a work schedule; and bringing the new leadership of Chief of Police to the Department. Furthermore, these efforts to make public safety a priority have continued in 2004 with his vocal demands to reinvest which would ensure adequate funding for both the police and fire departments up for re-election in 2005.



Ron Deaton Chief Legislative Analyst

Commonly referred to as the "16th Councilmember," Deaton is the chief advisor to the City Council and is charged with examining issues from a council, not mayoral, perspective. As the leading professional in Los Angeles' local government, he oversees a staff of 100 employees. Deaton has been called the brain and brawn behind the city council. Former Mayor Riordan once said of Ron Deaton - "If he's on your side, he can really make things happen. If he's against you, you have some problems. Deaton who rarely gives interviews told the Los Angeles Times that reports of his power were exaggerated. He negotiates complicated budget and bond deals. If a council member wants more City services, Deaton shows them how to find the money. Finally, he does all this with such skill that, as the Times noted, it's hard to know where Deaton's influence ends and the council's power begins.



City Controller Laura Chick

Elected City Controller in 2001, becoming the first woman elected to citywide office in Los Angeles. She is the chief auditor and chief accountant for the City, protecting taxpayer dollars, eliminating waste and fraud, improving city services and opening up the city's books to public scrutiny. Laura served on the Los Angeles City Council from 1993-2001 and was the first woman to head the Council's Public Safety Committee. Through her position, she has also supported the burglar alarm policy as an effective way to reduce waste in the Department and save taxpayer money and is currently studying the LAPD's deployment practices in the Northeast Division to see if improvements can be made in the allocation of law enforcement resources. Controller Chick is up for re-election in 2005.



Bill Fujioka Chief Administrative Officer

As the Chief Administrative Officer, Fujioka reports to both the City Council and the Mayor and is responsible for helping to prepare the city budget. His importance within city government is also emphasized by the fact that he represents the management of the city in the negotiation of all city labor contracts. Fujioka serves as a major force in advising the City Council on how best to manage the city's money.



Councilman Alex Padilla, 7th District

Since his election in 1999, City Council President and Councilman Padilla has built up an impressive record being the Council's youngest and first Latino president. Representing the communities of Arleta, Lake View Terrace, Mission Hills, North Hills, Pacoima, Panorama City, and Sylmar, he chairs and sits on a number of committees including the Executive Employee Relations Committee, which negotiates contracts. A strong advocate of ensuring adequate public safety, Councilman Padilla's unanimous reelection was recently celebrated by the League during his term. Re-elected to the Council in 2001, Councilman Padilla is up for re-election in 2005.

Councilman Tony Cardenas, 6th District

Elected in 2003, Tony Cardenas is one of the newest members of the City Council and represents the communities of Van Nuys, Sun Valley Arleta, and portions of Lake Balboa, North Hollywood, Pacoima and Panorama City. Having served as a former California State Assemblyman, he has used his experience primarily in the areas of education and children. He also was Chairman of the Assembly's powerful budget committee, experience that is beneficial for his role as a Los Angeles City Councilmember, particularly as the city handles budget challenges. Councilman Cardenas considers public safety an important issue and was responsible for identifying \$1 million for the Bridges II Gang Intervention Program. He currently sits on five committees and is chair of the Commerce, Energy & Natural Resources Committee. Councilman Cardenas is up for re-election in 2007.



Councilman Tom LaBonge, 4th District

Serving the communities of Toluca Lake, Miracle Mile, Griffith Park and Silver Lake, Councilman LaBonge was elected in 2003. A former Chief Field Deputy for the late former Council President John Ferraro, he has stated that his priorities while in office include: improving and expanding public safety programs involving police, fire and paramedic services; enhancing traffic mobility; expanding parks and open space; and creating public-private partnerships to better leverage use of public lands such as joint use of schools and parks. Most well known for his deep devotion to Griffith Park, he was instrumental in working out a compromise between LAPD and park community leaders to allow police bike training in the park, while respecting the concerns of park patrons. Councilman LaBonge is up for re-election in 2007.



Councilman Jack Weiss, 5th District

A former U.S. Assistant Attorney, Councilman Weiss was elected to the City Council in 2001 and represents the communities of Sherman Oaks, Studio City, Westwood, Century City, Beverlywood, the Fairfax District, Cheviot Hills and Carthay Circle. With the personal motto of "making Los Angeles a safer and better place to live and work," he has focused a majority of his efforts on improving the City's ability to prevent disasters and respond to emergencies, particularly through improved local homeland security. Indeed, his position on the Committee of Public Safety has led to the introduction of such measures as the creation of a working group to reform the LAPD's Office of the Inspector General and increase civilian oversight as well as expand DNA testing by the LAPD to identify and prosecute rapists. Councilman Weiss is up for re-election in 2005.

DIVISIONAL REPORTER

First to Know, Last to Go!

Department Command Post
& Communications Div.

by Lt Chuck Mealey
Command Post &
Communications Division

Holiday Party

Communications Division held its annual Holiday Party at the downtown Hyatt-Regency Hotel on December 14. The event, one of the largest in Communications history, drew almost



A physically fit mysterious "Santa" wishes happy holidays to PSR Shaton Brown.

300 individuals. A good time was had by all. It should be noted that Communications Division traditionally



DCP Officer Elbert Hughes (now back) takes a break while on active duty during "Operation Iraq Freedom."

holds its Holiday Party on Sunday nights to allow sufficient deployment on the very busy Friday and Saturday nights.

Christmas Run

It is not even 2004 yet and the Communications Division Baker to Vegas Relay Team is already demonstrating their athletic prowess in the streets of Los Angeles. Fifteen runners from the Division took part in the 26th Annual Venice-Marina Christmas Run. PM watch was well represented by **Lieutenant Ann Barrera**, **Officer Daniel Garcia**, and PSR's CT Feng. Deonna Jackson, Jendrix Rosales and Marisol Vielma. All of the runners completed the 10k with very respectable times.

Good Bye

P-2 **John Kong** is off to NHWD and P-2 **Danh Ngo** is assigned to WLA. They did a great job on their 3 month orientation assignment to Comm Div. ♦



by Jim Johnson
Juvenile Division

By now everyone has heard about the successful rescue operation of PVT. Jessica Lynch, but how many of you know that a Juvenile Division officer

Senior Clerk typist, **Terry Casas**. After eleven years in Juvenile Division, Terry has transferred to the Ombuds Office. Detective **Kevin Puebla** is also moving on to Risk Management Division. Good luck Terry and Kevin! Detective **Ron Moody** is transferring in from Risk Management Division.

Did Anyone Say Basketball?

Juvenile Division's basketball team is 3 and 0! We recently played the tough CIID team and won 54 to 46. We have two new players, **Officers Darvin White and Adrian Ferns** from D.A.R.E. Section who are helping lead the way. **Detective Oscar Lopez** led the team in scoring and Juvenile's version of



Basketball

helped in that rescue? **Officer Angel Vega** is a Marine Gunnery Sergeant in the reserves and one of our newest members in the Investigative Control Unit of Juvenile Division. **Officer Vega** just returned from a tour of duty in Iraq in an intelligence-gathering unit.

On March 29, 2003, the Human Exploitation Team II was ordered to report to Camp Viper and follow-up on reports from Iraqi nationals who had information that U.S. soldiers might have been captured. **Officer Vega** was a part of that team of specialists. He and his team members interviewed an Iraqi National who had information about the location of Jessica Lynch. After conducting an interview for more than 12 hours utilizing an enlisted U.S. Marine Arabic speaker they were able to obtain the pertinent information needed to launch a rescue operation. On April 1st U.S. Forces conducted the

the twin towers Adrian and Darvin battled the boards to keep us undefeated.

Holiday Baskets for Abuse Victims

Child Abuse Detectives and Juvenile personnel went above and beyond the call of duty as they prepared and donated several baskets filled with turkeys and all the trimmings to child abuse victims from their most severe cases. This outstanding gesture was a true example of how dedi-



Santa



Holiday Baskets

rescue and brought Pvt. Lynch to her safety. The countless hours spent in the planning by these U.S. Marines along with other U.S. Forces that coordinated and participated in the rescue efforts of PVT. Jessica Lynch made this operation a success. We here in Juvenile Division appreciate all the men and women who are serving in our nation's armed forces and pray they come safely home soon. **Officer Vega** is truly a hero and was recently reactivated for another tour in Iraq. Be safe **Officer Vega**!

In's and Out's

We would like to say good by to

cated and committed Juvenile Division personnel are to children. These baskets helped the families have a Happy Holiday! Pictured next to the baskets are just a few of the officers who participated with the delivery of the baskets.

On Christmas Eve Detective **Bill Baxter** once again dressed up as Santa Claus and provided gifts to all of the children of Juvenile Division officers and detectives. There were smiles galore as they sat on Santa's lap! Hope your holidays were great!

Happy New Year from all of us at Juvenile Division! ♦

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VAN NUYS Happenings

by Lydia C. Grzelkowska
Van Nuys Division

Recent Events

This year's Holiday party was a great success! So many raffle gifts were given away that if you didn't win something, lady luck just wasn't on your side. If your raffle number was called, you picked a number from the basket and with each gift numbered, you would get the gift with the corresponding number. It was so funny to see Officer **Deseray "Desi" Ehrlich** walk away with the huge vanilla scented spa basket and **Dawn Jimenez**, from Special Enforcement Unit, walk away with a huge 148-piece tool set. George Gray, from the show "The Weakest Link," emceed the party and entertained the crowd. Sergeant Ron Anderson, oh, I mean **Paul Anderson**, was George's "lovely assistant" and handed out the gifts. Everybody danced their shoes off until midnight. We won't mention the break-dancing on the table or anything! Ah-hem!

The Van Nuys Area personnel participated in The Salvation Army's Holiday Children's Party held on December 20,



Santa making a child's wish come true.



Ruthie Trevor, Rick and Karina hanging out with George Gray.

2003. Officers from the Van Nuys Area and Valley Jail Division selected a gift for a child and wrapped it up especially for that child. As the gifts were off loaded and brought into the auditorium at the Salvation Army, the expression and jubilation on the children's faces was priceless. Santa, Senior Lead Officer **David Ham**, arrived shortly after in his black and white sled with lights and sirens blaring. Santa got on the microphone with loud "Ho Ho Ho's and Merry Christmas." When each child's name was called, they walked up and sat on Santa's lap and received their gift and a stuffed toy. Some children opened up their gifts right away, but most of the children held on to theirs to open on Christmas day. One child hand-



Lydia, Lisa, Ruthann and Sandy strike a pose for the camera.

ed Santa a holiday card and on the inside was simply written "Thank you" and one mother expressed her gratitude and appreciation saying "Thank you, this was our Christmas." What a most-rewarding gift that each officer gave to these less fortunate children.

Copper Commendations

On December 6, 2003, Officer **David Childs** and Officer **Eric Obrecht** were partners and handled a radio call of possible armed suspects in the area of Sepulveda and Hartsook. Obrecht and Childs searched the area and observed the subjects less than a block away from the area. The officers contacted the suspects and conducted the investigation. Based on the comments of the call, the area in which the subjects were found (high gang area), and the way they were dressed, the subjects were patted down for weapons. As Obrecht patted down one subject, he felt what he immediately recognized as a handgun magazine in his coin pocket. As he continued the search he discovered a sap and stolen .25 auto pistol in his rear pockets. The subject was an admitted gang member. Childs continued and searched the other subject and discovered marijuana in his pocket. Both subjects were arrested and transported back to the station where Obrecht and Childs elicited incriminating statements from both subjects. Officers Obrecht and Childs are commended for their attention to duty, teamwork, tactics, communication and investigative skills. Their efforts led to the arrest of local, active gang members and the recovery of a gun. Way to go guys!

On November 21, 2003, Officer **Brian Reynolds** received a radio call of vandalism suspects there now at 17300 Sherman Way. The comments of the call indicated that the subjects were tagging DWP power boxes in the area with markers and leaving the location. Lieutenant **David Storaker** was in uniform but in a plain, unmarked vehicle when the radio call was broadcast. Lt. Storaker was in the area and observed two subjects who matched the suspects' description from the comments of the call. Lt. Storaker observed Subj-2 acting as a look-out as Subj-1 walked beside a grey utility pole and motioned his arms as if he were writing something on the pole. Due to the positioning of Subj-1, Lt. Storaker was unable to see what, if anything, the subject had in his hands. Lt. Storaker requested an additional unit to conduct a pedestrian stop. Both subjects began to walk from that location. Due to the fact that both subjects appeared to be under 18 years of age and were loitering outside of school, violation of truancy, and the reasonable believe that these subjects were involved in vandalism activity, Lt. Storaker con-

ducted a pedestrian stop. Officer Reynolds arrived at the scene and Lt. Storaker advised him of the subjects' possible criminal activity. Due to the fact that taggers are commonly gang members who carry weapons and the fact that the subjects were wearing baggy clothing, which may easily conceal weapons, Officer Reynolds conducted a pat-down search for weapons. During the search of Subj-1, Officer Reynolds recovered scissors,

three black markers and a screwdriver. The search of Subj-2 was conducted with negative results. Lt. Storaker walked to the pole where he believed Subj-1 was writing and observed the letters "DSM" written in black marker. The witness who called the police positively identified Subj-1. Subj-1 was placed under arrest for vandalism and possession of burglary tools. Subj-2 was arrested for false information to a police officer and additional filing for acting as a lookout for illegal acts. Excellent arrests!

Baby News

Congratulations go out to first-time parents, Officer **Teresa Pikor** and her husband Officer **Nick Pikor** on the birth of their daughter, little Paige Noel Pikor. Paige was born on December 20th, weighed 8lbs. 6oz. and was 20" inches long. Both Teresa and Paige are doing well and are bonding at home, along with papa Nick.

Congratulations

Happy retirement wishes go out to Sergeant **Paul Anderson**, #15680, who has completed 34 years of dedicated

service to the Los Angeles Police Department. Sergeant Anderson's endless energy and contagious laugh will be greatly missed around here, but I'm sure he's gonna be one of those retiree's who will be back to visit his friends (at least we hope so). Paul, enjoy your newfound freedom and always remember what a difference you made in those lives you touched. Congratulations on your retirement and all the very best!

Congratulations to Officer **Lisa Vasquez** (VNYS) who is engaged to be married to Officer **Robert Cantrell** (DEV) next August. Congratulations and best wishes to you both!

Well Wishes

Sergeant **Ann Pickering** is recovering from surgery on her right arm and elbow. We wish you a speedy recovery and hurry back!

Our thoughts and prayers are with Detective **Juan Santa** and his family as Juan is still in Iraq serving our country. We miss you and sincerely thank you for sacrificing so much for our freedom.

We wish our deepest condolences to Officer **Maria Pedroza** and her family on the death of her father who passed away on December 23, 2003.

Van Nuys Comings-n-Goings

Coming in: PII **D. Tagliere**, #36412; PII **J. York**, #36416; PII **C. Corwin**, #35724; PII **M. Pineda** #36398; PII **J. Calderon**, #36972; PII **A. Magana**, #36990; PII **J. McDowell**, #38994; PII **T. McLaws**, #36824; PII **S. Miller**, #38996; PII **H. Quach**, #37000

Leaving: PII **V. Montesdeoca**, #36391 (to DEV); PII **E. Hernandez**, #36381 (to WVAL)

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by "Helper"
Wilshire Division

I have only two words for everyone this month—"Airport Detail." Due to recent events around the world, our alert level has been raised since before Christmas. Wilshire personnel have been conducting an enormous amount of O/T at LAX, and although the money is great, I would only advise people not to neglect what is most important to them. If you can handle it, then great, but don't let it handle you. The good news is you have enough money now for that special Valentine's gift.

Wilshire command Staff announced the Officer of the Year for 2003 recently. The honor went to none other than one of the hardest working officers in the city, Officer **Gus Gutierrez**. Gus has been here at Wilshire for a few years now and has consistently been promoting through the ranks. Gus is a "know how to" guy. Gus averages at least a felony a night and has taken more dope and guns off the street than anyone else I know. Well, with the exception of **Erik Molenedo**, Gus's part-time partner/mentor. Congratulations, Gus. You deserve it.

We have some new arrivals to the Wilshire family. Daryl Edwards, Jr., was born to Officer **Daryl Edwards** and his wife Rosa on September 5, 2003. Little Junior weighed in at 6 lbs. 13 oz., and was 18 inches in length.

Taylor Megan Helper was born to my wife, Jaimie, and I on December 22, 2003. Taylor weighed in at 7 lbs. 13 oz., and was 21 inches in length. Mothers and babies are doing fine.

I'm still looking for an artist to draw up a great new logo for our article. We seem to be switching back and forth from the old to the new. Hopefully I can remedy this soon so we can concentrate on better things like Special Order 48. I would like to thank **Mitzi Grasso** with placing importance on this matter with her written statement in last month's

Blue Line. Some people notice.

Quick reminder for people also, Baker to Vegas is just around the corner. According to **Miguel Lopez**, you should be at least running five to ten miles



Taylor



Daryl

every day in order to prepare yourself for this historical event. Contact Miguel for the run-off dates and any other questions that you might have. You can reach him in the Senior Lead Office in the West Traffic Building, first floor.

Have a great month and be careful out there.

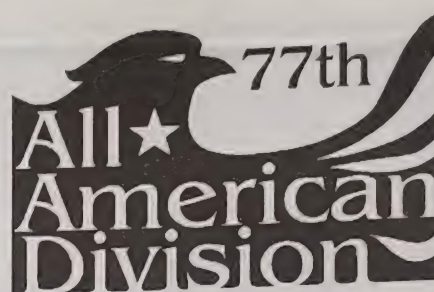
From Sgt. Chuck Knolls

Thank you for your support. As you know, all of this was a surprise to me. From diagnosis to surgery and all the decisions in between was a short 39 days.

I had to take a crash course in "cancer 101." In all the reading and research I did, there was one consistent truth, the most successful treatments and recoveries went accompanied by the support of your friends.

I started radiation December 15 and I'll be done by mid-January. A month to recover afterwards and some therapy and I'll be back in a couple of months.

I could not have done it without you. Thanks for your help. Happy New Year 2004. I'll see you in a few months. ❖



by Maria C. Marquez
77th Division

12X59 Shows Us Handling

The voice sounded familiar, but it took a couple of broadcasts to determine who was broadcasting. It was none other than our Capt. III **Ken Garner**, and he was working with a boot! It was nice to see him want to be a part of the troops on a night when 77th Street is especially busy! Needless to say, he handled his share of calls and responded to many other calls when deemed necessary. Thanks for coming in, Sir, and allowing some other officer the opportunity to bring in the new year with his/her family. It was indeed a nice touch!

Another nice touch was seeing Chief **Bratton** in the station shaking hands with many officers, wishing them a good New Year and thanking them for all their hard work. What a great way to bring in the New Year!

Santa was Good to 77th

77th has been wishing for a new workout room for some time now. We wanted a state-of-the-art weight room, and as legends in the bench press contest, we felt that this should be the year! So early on, Santa sent us his little elf—**Morris**. He made sure that we could raise the monies to purchase some state-



Santa is checking up on Sgt. II Batts.

of-the-art equipment, and after working really hard with some of the other elves, we now have the workout weight room we deserve.

December 10th Unofficial Xmas Party Debrief

Well it was another great time for those of you who did not make it down to the D.R. room. The food was outstanding and the company even better. The deejay had people up and dancing from the start! It would be hard to pick a winner in this dance contest. Amazing how talented some of you are!

Officer **Renee Minnick** provided the traditional "shot" that is just for the girls

at this station house. Can't tell you what it is called, because we want to keep the tradition to ourselves. We did toast to good friends and good times and to the ladies of 77th!

Old and new gathered for this fun time, so if you missed out, start planning now and who knows, maybe next year!

Who's Your Daddy?

Common question around here these days. First we get Cmdr. **Jim Tatreau** moved in and our new mission is set. Everything going good, Capt. **Ken Garner** in the house as well as they are



Lt. J.J. May, Commander Jim Tatreau and Lt. Paul Von Lutzow.

both running in the same direction. So we are on this adventure and things are going really well. Then one day we come in and Cmdr. Tatreau is at South Bureau and Capt. Garner is the new big daddy. Okay, we are still good and in the same direction. We figure this is some kinda test, but we are not worried. We're 77th!

Make a Friend with Your P.S.R.-A.C.C.

With 77th Street being one of the busiest divisions in the city as well as a regional facility, it is one tough job when you are deployed at the A.C.C. We have two outstanding P.S.R.s: **Jeanetta Adams** during the day watch and **Gale Briles** during the night watch. These women work very hard to make our jobs easier. No watch commander could survive without them. On those days when they are off and officers have to fill in,



Miss Briles and Miss Jeanetta.

we cannot wait until they return, because it is no easy position to fill. Keep up the good work, ladies!

Congratulations to Jeanetta for recently celebrating "30" years with the city! You go, girl!

Well that is about it for now. You guys stay safe and remember that February 14th is Valentine's Day...so don't blow it! ❖

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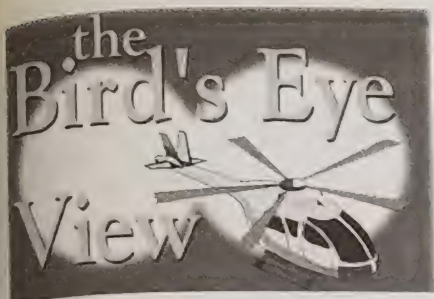


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by Jack H. Schonely
Air Support Division

Stop the Clock

A new policy started on Jan. 5th 2004 that involves Air Support and response times to calls for service. ASD ASTRO crews arrive first at scene about 50% of the time. For instance in 2002, ASTRO crews responded to 53,761 calls and were first at scene on 25,647 of them. In the past the arrival of the air unit has not stopped the clock for response time. This has now changed for the better thanks to the efforts of ASD Sgt. Doug Abney who researched this topic contacting airborne law enforcement units around the country. This is a progressive step with regards to response time and ASD plans on doing even better in 2004 with "stopping the clock."



Photo by Glenn Grossman

"Astro on patrol."

Homeland Security

Homeland security continues to be a high priority at ASD. During this High Terror Alert, air support has been tasked with additional missions. The Los Angeles Harbor and LAX have received additional extra patrol and our UH-1 "Huey" is always ready to go. All of us are dedicated to doing whatever we can to keep this city safe from terrorist events. As you are patrolling the streets and see something that we can help you with, please do not hesitate to request us. There is no doubt in my mind that the observations of street police officers have the greatest potential of stopping a



Photo by Schonely

Huey crew starting this new year at Dodger Stadium. Pilots Rick Alatorre and Bob Bean.

terrorist act before it takes place. We are here to support you with these efforts.

ASD Tip of the Month

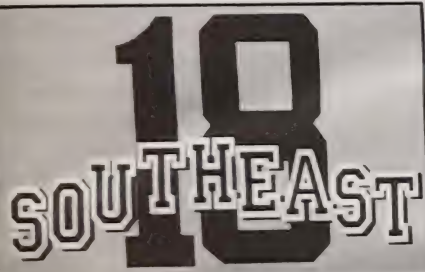
Air support and K-9 locate suspects hiding on a daily basis. This experience leads us to some observations about places that suspects choose to hide when attempting to evade arrest.

The first is that some suspects will hide in places that even the most experienced officer could not imagine.

The second is that many suspects hide in certain types of locations much of the time. The most common hiding places continue to be under houses, in and under vehicles, and inside trash cans.

This information is important to patrol officers because there are instances when you will be conducting a search without the assistance of Metro K-9. The most common example is when the K-9 search criteria are not met but you want to find the suspect. When you conduct these searches you must be very thorough and remember to tactically check inside every trash can, under every vehicle, and take a close look at crawl space openings. One additional tip is to look at the top landing of stairwells. You have to go to the top of the steps to properly check the landing because suspects will lie prone on the landing out of your view from the bottom.

ASD is here to support these search efforts and will do so with the FLIR, night sun, and tactical insight. K-9 is your best tool for searching, but if you do have to search, be thorough and systematic. Always watch your six



by Massey
Southeast Division

Alright, lots to talk about. Southeast has been so busy, I expect to miss some things. If I do it'll be because either you didn't email me, I didn't have space or I didn't think it was important enough. Get over it. Ah, I'm cranky. Let's find out what happened...

We'll begin with the adventures of two newly minted, Southeast trained P-II's, working together in Nickerson Gardens. You may remember that locale from our last report. Anyway, on 12/3 of last year, at about 0500 hrs, when we were all logically asleep, Ralph and Trevino were out and about performing their duties in the fog so prevalent at that time of year. They were N/B Success approaching 114th St when they obs'd a ped cross the street ahead of them and stop on the sidewalk. When they came abreast of the ped he raised an AK and fired one round at Ralph. Obviously bewildered by the sheer size of Ralph's melon, the suspect missed. The round instead struck the black and white's engine. . .killing it. Ralph and Trevino decided it was a good time to exit the vehicle. The suspect, seeing that he might actually have to take on unwilling victims, ran like the ***** he is. A perimeter was established, but the suspect escaped. Gang detectives were able to ID a suspect and SEU served a warrant. A suspect was booked and a weapon recovered. A nice baptism by fire for our now full fledged cops. Well done.

Next follows a few lines outlining an incident that occurred 12-14-03. Because of the nature of the incident, I'm gonna refrain from going into details. I'll give you the stale version. Southeast gang unit officers Zamudio

and Colson were N/B Wilmington approaching 106th St. Several males stood on the corner. As the officers pulled alongside, one of the males opened fire with a shotgun. An OIS ensued. Both officers were hit as was a suspect. He was taken into custody and in no condition to offer resistance. Both officers will make full recoveries. I visited Zamudio a day after the shooting. We shared a pie. Well, I had a slice. He'll be back soon. Colson came back to work as if nothing had happened. In fact, he tried to tell me an Army story, but I had court the next day. In any event, a good example of the will to prevail by two fine Southeast coppers. Yeah, I said "prevail." Earthquake victims survive. We overcome.

So, I'm standing on a crime scene on the 9500 blk of Holmes when I hear a G unit get in a T/C a block away. Since my shop is blocked in (I gotta stop getting there first), I run, ok, jog, over to the loc and find Stevens, Tabares and H-guy (Hollenbeck guy who's name I can never remember), have been t-boned by a Cadillac the size of my house. Stevens and H-guy are ok, but Tabares is still in the backseat. I take a look and then quickly step away. This can't be right. I clear my head, check my pulse and take another look. Again, I step back. I need time to think. "Nothing to see here!" I shout to a guy minding his own business. But there is. For Tabares has sustained a lump on the side of her head so bulbous, so enormous, so damn big, that she could hang a gunbelt on it and work an A- car. Nearly hypnotized, I muttered, "you're gonna be fine." She gave me the look. The lump gave me the finger. I yelled at a ped. Luckily, before I could say anything else, the RA arrived and whisked her away. A local hospital gives her an ice pack and sent her home. She received a phone call the next day, "whoops, you've got a cracked skull. My bad." Is there a hospital in our area we can trust? I guess not. Anyway, she's doing fine. I saw her yesterday. She gave me a smoke. Thanks.

Man, now what? I guess I'm supposed to clean house with arrivals/departures and births. But I'm not gonna. Because



as a sometimes grumpy, but always charming detective said, "If you wanna know who's coming or going then read the transfer." She's right. They arrive in truckloads on the 3rd Wed of every DP. I am gonna welcome back Hogg, Byerly and Leiss from Iraq. Back it off a notch. Also, welcome back to Sammy and Mihn from IOD. Congrats to J. Stewart for getting back what was his and Linda Compton's promotion to D-III.

I will continue to mention births only because people disappear for weeks and months at a time and sometimes they're people we like and we wanna know

where they went. A good example would be Megan Glaister and C.C. Ryder. They weren't busy enough, so they had twins. Rian Marie (3lb 3oz) and Kady Ann (3lb 4oz) were born on 12/1/3, 30 weeks early. They're still in the hospital and after a rough start, all parties are doing fine.

Good turn out for the party. Below are some photos taken by Beth Heim. . .again. Note to Valdez: Don't ask the bosses'



wives to dance. Just a suggestion. Anyway, here's some photos.

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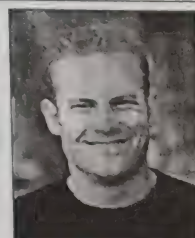
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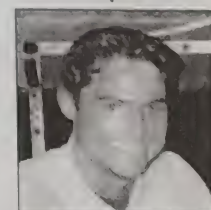
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DIVISIONAL REPORTER

Winning With West Traffic

by Sgt. Stephanie Krajchir
West Traffic Division

Ins and Outs: We have one special addition to WTD – our student worker Cindy Moreno-Cruz. She helps out in the CIFU section and is a fabulous cook (specifically desserts). Mondays are exceptionally busy for our detectives but they don't mind when Cindy walks in with all the goodies!!!!

A big welcome to PSR Linda Cryer on loan to WTD from Wilshire!



Caitlyn & Taryn Thayer (twin daughters of) Nathan & Jamie (Williamson) Thayer. Grandpa Bob Williamson. Born 11-04-03 in Fountain Valley, CA.

Milestones: Congratulations to PII **Josh Kim** and his lovely wife Judy on the birth of their first child, son Eric. He was born December 17, 2003, at Good Sam Hospital weighing in at 7 lbs 2 oz. Way to go Josh!

Condolences to PSR **Edith "Steffie" Cornine** on the passing of her mother, Olive.

Congratulations to all the winners of the drawing at our wonderful holiday party. A great time was had by all!! See accompanying photos.

Commendable Capers

Day watch motor officer **Tyrone**



Captain Bill Williams, PII Michelle Nelson and Sergeant II Mike Marsolek.



Sergeant I Don Tudor, Sergeant I Murell Pettway and date, Sergeant I Frank Montelongo with wife and mother-in-law and Lieutenant Martha Moran and Dennis.

Ragland #27334 was working traffic enforcement in the 6300 block of Sunset Blvd when he heard a radio broadcast of a robbery in progress nearby. Ragland quickly responded and was met by a citizen who pointed out the suspect who had robbed a local video store. Ragland was able to take the suspect into custody and held him until Hollywood officers arrived. The suspect was booked for 211 PC along with a fugitive no bail warrant.

Mid Watch Officer **Robert "Magnet" Kim #31000** conducted a traffic stop in the mid-Wilshire area and requested a Spanish Speaker to assist him. Sgt. 1+2 **Roy Ballesteros #22307** responded. Ballesteros had just gotten off his bike when a traffic collision occurred behind them. Roy turned around just in time to see one vehicle fleeing the scene of the accident. Roy jumped back on his bike and chased the suspect down and caught him at Crescent Heights and Beverly. Kim really wanted to write the ticket but reluctantly gave the violators Cal Op

and Reg papers back to him and began to follow his faithful motor sergeant after the hit and run suspect. While attempting to place himself at scene with Ballesteros via Communications, this entire incident caught everyone's attention back at the barn when we heard "Put your hands on top of your head" clearly ordered by our hero, Roy. We think there may have been one or two other words voiced but they have been deleted to protect the guilty, I mean innocent. The suspect was finally taken into custody without further incident. This fine chap was a Skin Head with multiple ID's, had a rap sheet with sev-

eral arrests for hate crimes, and was on probation. All fine and dandy, except when Kim went back to the t/c scene, the other party was GOA. Kim searched high and low for the other driver, but in other words no victim, no crime, and the guy walked. Great effort anyway guys!

PM watch Deuce Task Force officer **Carlos Mercado #31369** was working the Hollywood area when he observed a simple violation of following too close and excessive exhaust. The violator advised he did not have a drivers license and also appeared to be dui. While attempting to conduct an SFST, Mercado observed multi colored items in the violators mouth (hmmmm). Mercado politely asked the driver to remove said items, however the driver had a different idea and decided to flee the scene. Mercado went in foot pursuit of the suspect and chased him all the way to In-N-Out burger on Sunset Blvd. The suspect resisted, and after a slight use of force, Mercado was able to take him into custody finally. Once the back up troops arrived, a search was conducted which located the above items (heroin balloons) in the gutter, \$155 in currency, and a fake \$20 bill.

The suspect was eventually booked for possession of a controlled substance for sale – felony!!!!

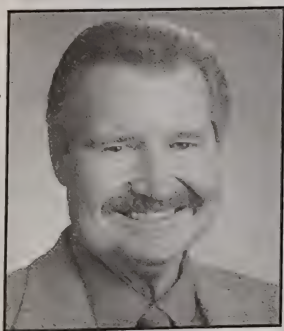
And we can't leave out our CTSU guys: P2 **Gerry Chamberlain #35201** was doing his usual complaint location check ups in West LA, when he came upon a rare scene at Getty Center Drive and Sepulveda. Two vehicles were engaged in a road rage incident, literally trying to run each other off the road at 70 miles per hour. Fortunately when they saw the B/W they were smart and stopped their devious actions. Chamberlain presented them with early Christmas presents in the form of green citations. Then, on the same day, he was on the 405 freeway at Getty Center Drive, when he observed a vehicle travelling N/B in the S/B lanes. Hmmmm.....After carefully guiding the female driver off the freeway, Gerry just had to know what prompted this hazardous driving. The 48 year old woman told the officer that her 10 year old son told her to do the u-turn on the freeway and get off at the exit they had just passed to avoid the gridlock traffic ahead. Right.....she also got an early Christmas present.

Lastly, It's the Employee of the Year!!!!!!

28 year veteran P2+2 **Mike Davis #21696** was selected as both "Employee of the Third Quarter" and "Employee of the Year" for year 2003. Mike has been assigned to WTD since 1990 and for the past few years has been a key asset to our Community Traffic Services Unit where he is the Assistant Officer-in-Charge and Special Projects Officer. During the past year, Officer Davis has been tasked with various types of projects from the Office of the Chief of Police, Operations West Bureau, City Council field offices and other City entities. One important project was the traffic plan for Operation Night Hawk. This was an exercise that simulated a major terrorist attack on LAX. Mike formulated a plan that would expedite the flow of traffic on the outer perimeter to ensure ingress and egress for emergency vehicles and personnel. In addition to his position, Mike is also tasked with attending Area crime prevention meetings, CPAB, and Police Officer Association meetings. Also for the past eight years he has been instrumental in promoting WTD's annual "Manos Arriba" golf tournament in Palm Springs which raises funds for a center assisting needy families. Thanks Mike for all you've done for WTD!!!!

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by Marie Kardiban
Central Division

Officer Recognition Luncheon

Don't forget to join the Central City Police Boosters in supporting the Central Personnel who have been chosen to be honored at the 2003 Officer Recognition Luncheon. The luncheon will be held on February 5th at the Wilshire Grand Hotel at 12:00 noon. Our keynote speaker will be "Gordon Graham". The following personnel have been chosen for their exemplary contributions, dedication and commitment to the community and the Los Angeles Police Department for Central Area.

- Supervisor of the Year Sgt. **Bruce Miyazaki**
- Detective of the Year Detective **Gene Strollo**
- Police Officer of the Year P.O.III **Guadalupe "Shep" Ruvalcaba**
- Civilian of the Year **Cindy Feng**
- Volunteer of the Year **Al R. Ramirez, ABC/KLOS Radio**

Write-ups on each individual will be forthcoming in the March issue.

Chocolate Badges

The Deputy Auxiliary Police, "DAPS" youth program would like to thank all those who supported the fundraiser and purchased chocolate badges during the

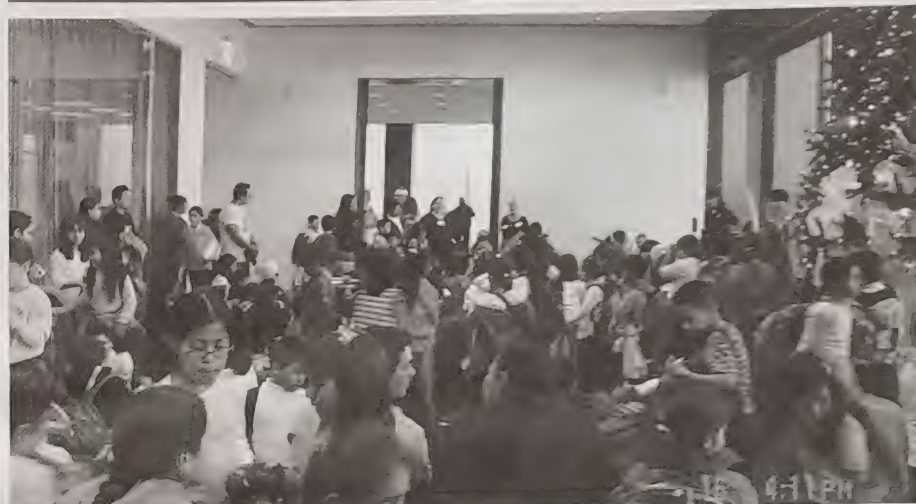
holidays. WOW! We sure sold a lot of them and will have them available until the end of February. Everyone loves chocolate and they will make a great Valentine's gift. Please contact Officer **Irma Foster** (213) 485-6586 or Officer **Marie Kardiban** (562) 572-4776, Central Community Relations Office. Thanks again, your contributions will really help our kids at Central.

Needy Children's Holiday Party

The Central City Police Boosters and Central Area, Community Relations Office cannot thank all the Central officers, personnel, volunteers and community members for their support in making the Needy Children's Holiday party a success. With the assistance of Thomas Properties Group, the party was held on the 51st floor of Arco Plaza with entertainment of magic and comedy from Jeffrey Steele, Justin Kredible, Jack Berman and clowns from the Shriners, and music from legendary blue singer, Lightnin Willie. The festivities were hosted by Al Ramirez from 95.5 KLOS radio. This year we were able to help over 275 children with toys, candy and of course visit from the big guy, Santa Claus a.k.a. Senior Lead Officer, **Larry Pratt**. A special thanks goes out to City Employees Club personnel and the Jewelry Mart, 550 South Hill building for their support with toy drives that really assisted us in giving a lot of children that very special gift. Everyone made a difference to a child during the holiday season.

UPCOMING EVENT! 2nd Annual Motorcycle Charity Event

On Sunday, May 16, 2004, the Central City Police Boosters in conjunction with the Central Community Relations



Children's Holiday Party.

Office will be sponsoring the 2nd annual Charity Motorcycle Event. Last years event was a huge success and we are hoping for the same for this year. See next month issue for further information. Should you have any questions or

wish to assist in this event to help support our crime prevention activities and youth programs at Central, please contact Officer **Marie Kardiban** in the Community Relations Office. ❖

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DIVISIONAL REPORTER



by Thomas Mason
West Valley Division

It was with great sadness when we learned in early December that **Police Officer II Jacqueline Wagner's** husband, Andy Wagner, was killed in an accident. Jacqui's LAPD family includes her father **Police Officer III John Mann**, West Valley Area and sister, **Police Officer II Lisa Mann**, Pacific Area. It was very evident that Jacqui's love for her husband was tremendous and that they enjoyed a wonderful relationship with one another. To lose a loved one in the prime of their life is painful enough, and compounded with the fact that it occurred just before the holidays, we hope that Jacqui's family and friend support help her through this period of her life. We extend our con-



West Valley party.

lences, prayers and support to Jacqui and her family.

Retirements—So much for the DROP program, three of West Valley's finest Detectives decided to retire, **Detective III Roland LeHeureux**, **Detective II Kenneth Debie**, and **Detective III David Szabo** decided it was the time to "pull the plug." With their retirement a wealth of experience will be lost along with three really good people whom were just nice to be around. Roland, Ken and Dave will be missed and we wish them the best in retirement.

Holiday Party—West Valley's Holiday party was held at the Odyssey Restaurant on December 11, 2003. It was a great success and the honored guests were Sergeant of the Year, **Sergeant II Paul**



Mac Suarez and Hiroto.



Employees of the year.

Sciarrillo, Officer of the Year, **Police Officer III James Woods**, Detective of the Year, **Detective II Steven Park**, and Civilian Employee of the Year, **CSA Jerry Morales**. Congratulations to these fine West Valley Area employees for the recognition they truly deserve. One of the most awaited events of West Valley's Party is the question of what will **Police Officer II Gabe Suarez** be wearing. This year was no disappointment when Gabe arrived and was attired in a fine baby blue Tuxedo with White boots complete with goldfish in the heels. Accompanying Gabe was his partner, **Police Officer III Steve Kuranishi**, who was wearing his finest attire. Both looked awesome and fit in quite well. ❖



by Floyd Toledo
Hollywood Division

Holy Toledo, hey only in Hollywood can an old timer be forced back into active duty. The current writer of the *Blue Line*, Officer **Jeff Ingalls**, is going in for shoulder surgery. He will be out for a couple of months. So just relax, Jeff, enjoy the get-well cards, flowers and time at home. When you want to come back, I will again hang up this ole pen.

Sports Update

On October 10, 2003, the 14th Annual **Russ Kuster Memorial Golf** Tournament was held at the DeBell Golf Course in Burbank. The four-person scramble format gathered the finest foursomes of Hollywood Division and the department. I overheard some of the



Bruce Wilson - retired Sergeant, Randy Ryan - DII Risk Management, Michael Thasher - DIII Hollywood, Ray Lombardo - Lieutenant, Hollywood Detectives.

retirees and old time golfers saying that this was the best time each year to enjoy golf and see old friends. The event was organized by Hollywood Det. **Mike Thrasher**. At the end of the day, the awards were presented for the foursome with the lowest total score. The winners were the foursome of retiree **Bruce Wilson**, Det. **Randy Ryan**, Lt. **Ray Lombardo** and Det. **Mike Thrasher**.

Hollywood Patrol Honored

The Patrol Officer for the year 2003 went to Officer **Roger Klohr**. Through his tenacious and street knowledge, he takes control of the streets. Most "crooks" on the streets shudder when Officer Klohr comes around. Because of Officer Klohr's "super cop" ways, he is honored as Patrol Officer of the Year and represents all of us.

The Patrol Supervisor of the Year, 2003, went to Sgt. **Billy Brockway**. His work as the supervisor-in-charge of the TAB (Targeting Aggressive Beggars) Unit allowed his leadership talents to be fully utilized. For his motivational skills, high production and dedicated services, the sworn personnel and civilians of the community of Hollywood have honored Sgt. Billy Brockway.

In-N-Outs

Arriving in Hollywood during the

DP#13 transfer were the following: P-2s **R. Amio** from Newton, **G. Beshai** from 77th, **D. Chavez** from HOBK, **A. Garcia** from VNYS; P-1s **J. Flores** and **E. Pernesky** from Boot Camp; **M. Swan** promoted to P-3 and remains here.

Leaving from God's country are: Det. **M. Binford** to CCD, Det. **J. Waco** to DEV, P-3 **D. Ashley** to 77th, P-3 **C. Hale** to DEV, P-3 **C. Bedolia** and P-3 **T. Ramsey** to ND, P-2 **R. Santos** to Central, P-2 **L. Hoffman** and P-2 **R. Marsh** to Harbor, P-2 **M. Jacinto** and P-2 **D. Rios** to NE, P-2 **A. Ghasserani** to STD. We here salute you for all you have done to keep Hollywood number one.

Arriving in Hollywood during the DP#1 transfer are the following: Det. **T. Angeles** from PSB, P-2s **J. Huggins** from Central, **J. Sally** from NE, **A. Ronquillo** from WIL; P-1s from Training are **S. Grimes**, **S. Vigilant** and **M. Woods**.

Gone but not forgotten are P-2 **J. Garcia** to HOBK, P-2 **C. Corwin** to VNYS.

Detective Updates

Hollywood Detectives has started a new unit called the "BART Team" Burglary Auto Theft Received Team. Det. "Packman" **Packer** heads the team. Super savvy Officers **Klohr**, **Hetherington** and **Foster** combined with Det. "Packman" to seek out and capture known burglars and auto theft suspects. The BART Team also sets up operations in order to recover stolen goods from the Hollywood area. In the BART Team's first DP, they arrested 11 suspects, obtained and served three

search warrants and recovered \$42,555 worth of property from the Hollywood area. One of the suspects, 15 cases were cleared, and on another 10 cases were cleared.

Major Recoveries

Hollywood burglary detectives investigated two unrelated embezzlements during the 2003 year. This past DP, Det. **Pollard** and **Packer** respectively coordinated the recovery of \$192,388 in one case and \$245,000 in the other.

Hollywood Detectives Honored in 2003

As 2003 comes to a close, Hollywood Detective Division would like to acknowledge those detectives who distinguished themselves this past year. While the division is full of talented detectives, these individuals set the standard through their work ethic, dedication and commitment to serving the citizens of Hollywood: Detective of the Quarter, Det. **I. Yehuda Packer** (Burglary); Detective of the Second Quarter, Det. **I. Pete Wilson** (Robbery); Detective of the Third Quarter, Det. **I. Ken Leduc** (Autos); Detective of the Fourth Quarter, Det. **I. Ray Conboy** (Sex Crimes); Detective of the Year 2003, Det. **II Tom Pollard** (Burglary). ❖

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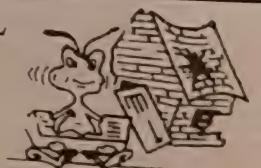


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by Larry Wehage
Newton Division

Thanks, Jay

A huge thank you must go out to *Tonight Show* host, **Jay Leno**, who generously gave of his time to the Newton folk at the Christmas party on December 19th. This writer drove Jay to the party



Left to right: Gloria Loia, Jay Leno and Adriana Rodriguez.



From left to right: Stefani Carson, Jay Leno, Tina Rios, Sandra Infante, Ana Lemmel and Cheri Doolittle. Cheri was the party organizer and did a splendid job.

In a 1958 Chevrolet Delray Police Car that was borrowed from the LAPD Historical Society. **Dick Kalk** from the Society was instrumental in the loan.

Jay entertained a packed house for about an hour with non-stop comic relief. He also took the time to sign autographs and pose for photos. We even stopped at a McDonald's for grub after leaving the Whittier Radisson where the party was held. No, he didn't want to go via the Drive-Thru. In addition, he gave this writer a tour of his warehouse in Burbank where he houses over 100 classic cars and motorcycles. His 1955 Buick Roadmaster is to die for. Jay is truly a nice guy and a class act. This writer will never forget the four hours spent with this fine comedian.

Baker to Vegas News

As many of you already know, **Larry Moore**, passed away recently. He was a major mover and shaker as it relates to the Challenge Cup Relay, also known as the Baker to Vegas Relay. So do every-

thing you can to make it a success. Get out there and run. And if you see **Chuck Foote**, give him a big handshake and pat on the back for coordinating this race for many, many years.

Congrats to Our New D-3s

Congratulations go out to **Matt Spillane** and **Jesse Valle** for upgrading to Detective 3. Both are well qualified for this demanding job. You guys are in the hot seat now.

More Memories

A few months ago, we explored some of the old time regulations. Let's continue. Remember when we had to do physical fitness testing every six months just prior to the completion of our rating reports? One of the tests involved stepping on and off an eight-inch (or was in a 12-inch) step for about two minutes, then checking our pulse. The cops who were out of shape "hated" these tests. How about qualifying every month? Some of you may recall shooting on the last day, in the last relay, during a light rain. Now that is stress!

Loss of a Loved One

We must sadly announce the death of **Bobby Tolmaire**, father of P-1 **Michael Tolmaire**. Bobby spent many years on the LA County Sheriff's Department before becoming a Private Investigator. He was recently killed in a traffic accident in Orange County.

Who Said That?

Here's a quick quiz for you. Which Newton person is famous for each of the following quotes?

"Hey, if I never see you again, so what!"

"What's goin' on?"

"What are you doing in the station?"

First one with all the correct names to lwehage@aol.com gets nothing.

You Might Be a Newton Cop

If you work Day Watch and have breakfast at 8am, a snack at 11am, a quick burger at 2:30pm, then request and receive end of watch Code 7, you might be a Newton cop.

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If you get a radio call of a traffic accident, and find both parties DUI, one of the vehicles is a stolen, neither driver is licensed, and one of the drivers is a 15-year old runaway from Fresno, you might be a Newton cop.

If your only uniform burned up in a fire at the local cleaners, you might be a Newton cop.

If your forwarding address is the cot room, you might be a Newton cop.

If you have fewer teeth than dollars in your savings account, you might be a Newton cop.

And finally, if you live in Rancho Cucamonga and drive to work for three weeks using your mini spare, you might be a Newton cop.

You can contact me at lwehage@aol.com



by Julian Almaraz
Foothill Division

Foothill Patrol

Last month of December of 2003 several officers were honored for their outstanding work for the second and third quarter of 2003. Foothill Advisory Booster Association (FABA), **MA Marissa Kessler** for her helping and quick response to officers' requests for assistance in investigating crimes and suspects. Reserve Officer **John Frankman**, for his personnel cites to traffic violators. P-3 **Karen Reade** for her high recap in all areas. P-2 **Richard Stocks** for his CAD research and crime information for all areas. Sgt. **Armand Carranza** for his leadership and direction of officers under his command. Det. **I Margaret Brownell** for her hard work during the night watch investigator.

Officers of the third quarter were SEM **Dirk Aubuchon** for his CAD work, Reserve Officer **Leon Ortiz-Leon**, Leon for his many hours of his free time to work, saving the city of Los Angeles thousands of man-hours. P-3 **Kristine Klotz** for training probationary officers into knowledgeable and quality officers. P-2 Gang Officer **Jessamyn Morales** for her outstanding expertise in

knowing all gang members in the Pacoima area. If you want information on a tag or tattoo or a name, she is the person you go to for the details and where to find them. I am grateful for her assignment to my area and her hard work. This award has been deserving of her great works for a long time. Officer **Morales** is so humble about the award she had to thank all of her partners for putting up with her. Sgt. **II Michael Beloud**, Assist W/C, is one of the best supervisors I have observed work this division. He is fair to all his officers and helpful with all the citizens he comes in contact. Det. **I Charles Lenane** for his great investigation in clearing all his cases and recovering victims' property.

Welcome back home, Sgt. **I. Mudgett** and **Jomini**.

Foothill Area FES

These officers again conducting outstanding investigations in the Division. On Sept. 25, 2003, Officer **Rodriguez** received information from a Spanish speaking citizen that methamphetamine was being manufactured and sold from a residence in the Pacoima area. This location caused a danger to the children and the community through fire, explosion and poison gas. The officers conducted a surveillance to verify illegal narcotic activity. Officers secured the area and obtained a search warrant. Officers were able to arrest one for 11379.7 H&S manufacturing methamphetamine with children under the age of 16. Officers involved: D-**Don Christensen**, #22690; D-1 **Tony Menente**, #21626; P-3 **Bob Plourde**, #25063; **Rolando Rodriguez**, #30733; and **Carlos Sanchez**, #31457. Outstanding job.

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DIVISIONAL REPORTER



by Leslie Mariscal
Central Traffic Division

February, the month of love. Can you smell the love in the air? Make this a special month for your significant other and let them know how special they are to you. How about a spontaneous outing for two? Or flowers just because? Remember that it's the little things that mean the most. Happy Valentine's Day!

Toys For Kids

CTD held its annual gift giveaway at Children's Hospital on December 15, 2003. Every year the proceeds from the



Cops-4-Tots Charity Car Show go towards the donation of toys for the young cancer patients at Children's Hospital. Each child submits his or her



Christmas wish list to Santa. With the teamwork of Sgt. T. Tavarez's unit, and other CTD staff, the gifts are purchased and wrapped. The man in the red suite this year was Officer M. Belmonte, and playing Mrs. Claus was yours truly. Deputy Chief Papa, Deputy Chief Brennan, Captain Meraz and several CTD staff members assisted in transporting and distributing the gifts. Each child was given everything on their list. Setting up the car show is a year long task and a lot of work for those involved, but to see those little faces light up when they see Santa Claus coming with their gifts is priceless!

Eric Estrada made a special guest appearance and surprised the kids. Eric was also the guest of honor at the Cops-4-Tots car show.

Thanks again to all those who participated in this event, you helped give a child a sparkle of happiness at a time in their lives when they needed it the most.

Promotion

Congratulations to Officer G. Pedregon, who promoted to P3. It was

well deserved!

Welcome!

A special hello to Sr Clerk Typist Melanie Gay, who transferred in from Operations-South Bureau.

CTD Reserves Take A Walk

I had the pleasure of working with our CTD reserves on December 13 during a Ped Detail in Newton Area (Central Av and 21st St). What a great group of peo-

was a little a scary at times, because there were a few near misses! With the help of a Sgt B Urrutia, Officer T Fox, Officer D. Burns and Officer E. Diaz, we were able to write 31 citations and 10 impounds in just 4 hours.

Christmas Dinner

CTD's Christmas Dinner at Knott's Berry Farm was a success, thanks to Det J Mapson, who put it together. Most people showed up to enjoy the day at



ple, with an abundance amount of energy! They literally risked their lives walking back and forth across the street, trying to catch violators for 21950(a) VC (failure to yield to ped in crosswalk). It

Knott's then walked over to the picnic area for a chicken dinner. It was a great way for the kids to let off some steam while the adults mingled ❖

AMOR

AMOR, TE ENCONTRE EL OTRO DIA VIENDOME CON CARINO Y
CON TERNURA, TUS OJOS CON CHIPAS AMABLES
ME ACARICIABAN Y ME HABLABAN DE TU AMOR POR MI
Y YO, EN ESTE MOMENTO, PUEDO DECIRLE AL MUNDO
ENTERO QUE ESTAS EN MIS
PENSAMIENTOS, Y QUE EL CALOR QUE LE BRINDAS A
MI CORAZON PONE EN MI ALMA
EL SENTIMIENTO DE MI AMOR POR TI.
POCOS SON LOS DIAS Y LOS MESES DESDE QUE TE CONOCI.
PERO DURANTE ESTE CORTO
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POR LA TERNURA DE SU CARINO Y DEVOCION MUTUA
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CAMINEMOS JUNTOS PUES POR EL SENDERO
DE LA VIDA Y RECORDEMOS LAS
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Sgt G. Urrutia

LOVE


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WHOLE WORLD
THAT YOU'RE IN MY THOUGHTS AND THAT THE
WARMTH YOU BRING
TO MY HEART
PUTS IN MY SOUL THE SENTIMENT OF MY LOVE FOR YOU.
FEW ARE THE DAYS AND THE MONTHS SINCE I MET YOU,
BUT DURING THIS SHORT TIME
I HAVE NOTICED THE PEACE AND HARMONY
YOUR LOVE BRINGS TOGETHER.
LOVE LIKE OURS IS BORN OF THE SOUL,
FOR ITS TENDERNESS, CARING AND MUTUAL DEVOTION
AND NOT IN THE PRECIPICES WE FIND
WALKING THROUGH THIS WORLD.
SO LET'S WALK HAND IN HAND TOGETHER THEN
THROUGH THE PATH OF LIFE AND LET
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by Fitz
Rampart Division

Congrats

Congrats to newly promoted D3 **John Sheriff** who'll stay at the the Castle and a hearty farewell to Sgt **John Vach** who made D2 and is out to ATD...LT bound, huh? Congrats to new P3 **Armand Perez** on the J-Car...how 'bout them Raiders?

Capers

P2 **Ryan Nguyen** and P2 **Antonio Hernandez** jam up a Crazy Rider with a strap in his pocket...P2 **Thomas "Big T" Loera** yanks a wrought iron fence straight outta the ground in pursuit of a GTA suspect. P2 **Ozzie Delgadillo** and P3 **Andy "Woogie" Taylor** jack up a gang group and get a Crazys with a

gun...then, Ozzie and P2 **Jose Sanchez** pursue some South Central gangstas and get another strap out da' hood. P2 **Shane Bua** and P2 **Enrique "Pac-Man" Hernandez** were in hot pursuit of Black

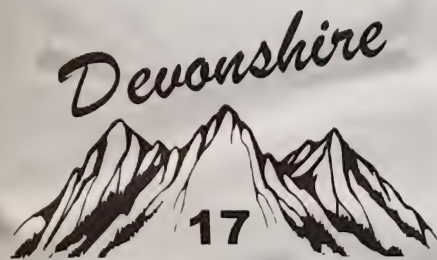


Jeff and Jorge back in their SPU days.

P-Stone driving a freshly car-jacked Mustang...they ended his "Stone Love" journey and recovered a handgun. P3 **Jorge Trejo** and Det **Mel Vergara** hook up a Mara gangster for a drug charge and find his hidden 6-shot revolver in the air filter of his ride. P2 **Pete "Hadji" Abskharon** and P2 **Jesse Audelo** were rollin' around in the Vice van and took rounds from a Rockwood gangster...a quick perimeter and a RW gangster goes down for ADW on a P/O. P3 **Melissa Ayala** was workin' undercover as a "Bakery Girl" and got a knucklehead

went into effect. Yet through it all, Devonshire officers and detectives never missed a beat. Through all the craziness and all the "new" ways everyone in the world wants to tell the officers and detectives of this great Department and Devonshire how to combat crime, not once did anyone falter. Credit can be directly given to the tenacity and professionalism that every officer and detective assigned to Devonshire has demonstrated in everything they do. Everyone in this Division can look around and clearly see the evidence of what a great job they do. With only nine basic cars and a huge area to cover, it's a miracle that anything can even be accomplished in the field. Yet look at what happened to crime in Devonshire. It has gone down. The radio can be going crazy but, you can be assured that Devonshire patrol officers handle every call as professional and tactically sound as possible. Detectives continue to make quality follow-ups and arrests. This, of course, is no mystery as Devonshire Detectives have always had a reputation for investigative superiority. Re-organization has caused some changes. They are mostly in the "Big Building" and in some administrative aspects of this Department. As for our commanding officer, his desk is back where it should be. CRO personnel have drilled the legs to the floor to ensure its lack of movement.

As my thoughts about Devonshire came to an end, one could not help but realize what a privilege it is to know such officers and detectives and how they will continue to make Devonshire stand out above the rest in this New Year. ❖



by Sgt. Rudy Santos
Devonshire Division

As I write these words, I am on DP 13 vacation in a Tibetan monastery located in the Himalayan Mountains. I have come here to meditate in order to cleanse my spirit and little mind from the rigors of supervising certain individuals that work for me. It was during one of my meditation sessions that I drifted back in time remembering Devonshire and the officers who have made it what it is.

2003 was a very interesting year. Crime trends went up and even our homicide detectives were kept busy. We had Officer Involved Shootings, a radio call load that was one of the busiest in the City, Department re-organization, and a commanding officer who had to put wheels on his desk due to being moved around so many times. Certain Devonshire officers went off to war and returned to pickup their lives where they had left them. Many babies were born to Devonshire personnel bringing the joy and challenges that a new baby brings to any family.

New laws were passed and new Department policies and procedures

with strap in his waistband.

XXX-Mas

You gotta bet Santa was takin' note of who was being nice and naughty at Rampart's Christmas party held at the Long Beach Hilton! P3 **Justin "Stewie" Stewart** and P2 **Jeff Bruner** threw down some cardboard and had a break dancin' face off...watch out Turbo and Ozone! Sgt **Al Pasos** danced his way straight outta Footloose...those moves should be outlawed! P3 **Roger Aguirre** thought it was a costume party...he broke out his leather jacket and came as Fonzie! SLO **Mike Wang** turned into the funky chicken and was a tornado on the dance floor... P3 **Frank Murillo** found the baby Jesus in his cheesecake! It got so hot in therrrre that Big Stewie had to disrobe and shake it like a salt shaker and a Polaroid picture! Special thanks to Mariana, SIO's **Patty Braendle** and **Joy Smith** for puttin' together an off the hook party. Shout out to MC **Lou Ford**...what's next, the Oscars?

Tactic Tip

Tactics are fluid and ever-changing... always look to be creative in getting a



Mid-Days at Rampart...



Rampart Gangs...Good Times!

position of advantage over a suspect. On your traffic stop...utilize a tree or mailbox as cover/concealment instead of your door jam. Don't be predictable... suspect study our tactics and are expecting a copper to do certain things. Keep your mic low and outta sight when broadcasting your following...if he doesn't know you're on to him, your back-up will arrive before it goes sideways and you're S/B thru the houses! Think smarter, not harder. ❖

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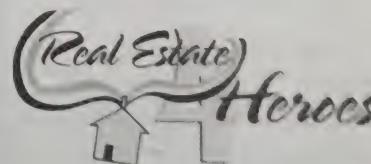
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by Officer Dennis J. DeNoi
Military Liaison Program

"Taking the High Ground"

Although I am very proud of the many accomplishments made through the Military Liaison Program and all the good deeds delivered to those employees serving on active duty in the Armed Forces Reserves, I feel that the program is ready to be more proactive and "take the hill." In that regard, the "hill" I want to take is to compile a solid, multilevel database system on all our employees serving on active duty. At this time, the current database system is inadequate and inhibits our ability to communicate important information which affects you and your families. Therefore, I am going

straight to the source for the information needed to create the database, you the employees serving on active duty. In order to provide you with better service, I need your help. As I mentioned in my last article, the Department is increasingly turning to the Military Liaison Program to communicate with our employees serving on extended active military duty. This is a positive move, and once we have a solid database to work from, the Department will ensure that better services, benefits and information is extended to you and your families in a timely manner. I have taken several steps to obtain the needed information the Department's Personnel Division can provide, such as home mailing address for next-of-kin and copies of military orders they receive. However, what is needed most of all is **military mailing addresses, phone numbers and e-mail addresses**. With a solid list of this type of information, I will be able to contact all our activated employees in the shortest amount of time and ensure that they receive any benefits, services and information in an accurate and timely manner. This ability will benefit all parties and will pay dividends to all involved. Bottom line, I need each employee, their families and in some cases the employee's Department entity to provide me with updated information as they receive it. *Ideally, the names, addresses and phone numbers of your point of contact (next-of-kin or personal affairs caretaker), your primary military unit's addresses and phone numbers (stateside reserve unit), your forward deployed military addresses and military e-mail accounts would all be helpful.*

I understand that this information is

always changing and there will be a margin of error, but with a concerted effort by all, it will be a workable situation. In this effort, I do not want the Military Liaison Program to add to your burden, but rather reduce any unnecessary problems that can be associated with military service.

Paid Military Leave

The city/department provides employees serving in the Armed Forces Reserves with an annual (fiscal year) 174 hours of "full" paid military leave for "active duty" service. This benefit is commonly referred to as "30 days paid military leave."

In this article I want to cover how and when you rate this important benefit. I received a request from an employee that wanted clarification of the policies that cover this financial issue. The question arose over the way the benefit is applied should the employee remain on extended active military duty into the next fiscal year. Would the employee rate an additional 174 hours for the new fiscal period? To get the answer to this question, an official request was submitted to Personnel Division and Fiscal Operation Division. The unanimous response is as follows:

"The practice and policy used by the department is consistent citywide and is based on the City Administrative Code and the state of California's Military and Veterans Code, the base authority for military benefits. Each leave, regardless of time, is considered one event. The city has never interpreted the Ordinances or the state's Military and Veterans Code to pay another 30 days pay during a single leave." In layman's terms, the employee can only receive this benefit once per military activation. When an employee is first activated for military service, they receive full Department pay for 174 hours (30 days)

or the remaining unused portion of the 174 hours for the current fiscal year. Upon the completion of this benefit, the employee then qualifies for Department differential pay, if their total military pay and allowances are less than their current department pay. At this time the differential pay will continue for the duration of the military activation. In order to be considered for differential pay, the employee serving on extended active duty must submit their military monthly "Leave and Earnings" statement to the department's Fiscal and Operations Division for adjudication. The employee must submit each month's Leave and Earnings statement as they receive them from the military. These statements should be mailed or faxed to: Fiscal and Operations Division, 150 N. Los Angeles St., Los Angeles, CA 90012, or call (213) 485-7161.

In closing, I know how hectic the past two months have been for me. If the same is true for you, you may have missed a few past issues of this article. Please take some time to review them for information that may affect you. Semper Fi, DJD.

Attention to Orders

It is requested that each employee currently on active military duty or those anticipating activation provide the Military Liaison Officer with your correct home of record address and current military (FPO) mailing address and military e-mail accounts. It is further requested that you keep these addresses updated as necessary. The Military Liaison Officer needs this information to better serve you, as the Department increasingly turns to the Military Liaison Officer program to communicate with our employees serving on active duty. You or your family member can provide this information to me via phone, fax, mail, or e-mail.

Northeast corner

by Susan Carrasco
Northeast Division

Well, we are into our new year and I hope we have all done it safely. Congratulations to all of those that have taken the Sergeants exam and have completed the oral interview process. Good luck to all of you.

Commendable Capers

On December 13, 2003 Officers **Julio**

Duarte and **Harold Marinelli** were conducting routine patrol in the Eagle Rock area. They observed a vehicle having different front and rear license plates. They conducted a want and warrant check on the vehicle plates and discovered the vehicle was stolen. The officers were able to quickly apprehend and arrest the suspect. Coincidentally the suspect happened to be the same person that the officers had arrested within the last month for driving a stolen vehicle. Officers Duarte and Marinelli are responsible for numerous vehicle theft arrests in the Eagle Rock area, which has significantly reduced crime in this community. Thank you, Officers Duarte and Marinelli!

On December 13, 2003, at 0900 hours, Officers **Anthony Otero** and **Arthur Koenig** were assigned to the Northeast Area Narcotics Enforcement Unit and conducting surveillance on a

known narcotics location in the Highland Park area. The officers observed a male approach the location and enter. A short time later, the male left the location on foot. Due to the officers' training, experience and observations, they believed the male purchased narcotics. The officers conducted a pedestrian stop and asked the female if they could speak with her and she agreed. The officer explained their investigation and obtained consent to search her person. The officers found a small white rock resembling cocaine. The female was placed under arrest for possession of rock cocaine. The officers are commended for their attention to duty, initiative, observation, report writing, skills and tactics. Through their enforcement efforts in the community, the reduction of narcotics related crime has decreased in the Highland Park area.

On December 13, 2003, at approxi-

mately 1100 hours, Officers **Ken Sanquist** and **Lawrence Quimbata** were patrolling the area known as Rattlesnake Park, near Fletcher Drive and Ripple Street. They were responding to numerous citizen complaints of narcotics use by people in the park. Both officers had received training in recognizing the symptoms of narcotics ingestion and had made previous arrests at the same location. They made contact with a male that they recognized from prior contacts who was an admitted cocaine addict. The male admitted to having last smoked cocaine two day ago and agreed to be searched by the officers for narcotics. During the search, the officers recovered a glass pipe from his pants pocket that contained a white residue that resembled cocaine. The male was arrested for 11364 of the Health and Safety Code, Possession of Narcotic Paraphernalia.



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Southern Tip

by Cumbia Cop
Harbor Division

Greetings

Let's jump into the movings and groovings of DP #13, starting with the incoming P-3 **Salvador Jaramillo** from Devonshire Division, now a P-3+1 with us; from Hollenbeck Division came P-2 **Santino Abbate**; from OSB came the returning P-2 **Matthew Burrola**; from Central Division came P-2 **Amgad Youssef**; and from Hollywood Division, P-2's **Leanne Hoffman** and **Randall Marsh**; last but not least, a couple of new P-1's from Training Division, **Jorge Abrego**, **Jeff Joyce** and **Jack Rizzotto**. The outgoing list had P-2's **Arturo Mares** and **Scott Wilhelm** leaving us to experience Pacific Division; and P-2 **Hernan Rodriguez** out to South Traffic Division. The one upgrade went to P-2 **Michael Rubin**, now a new P-3 for Harbor.

Party Time

The Southern Tip had a bunch of folks who did an outstanding job to make the Holidays a fun celebration for all. First, let's mention the Harbor Detective's Annual Christmas Party. Det.2 **Andy Cano** and crew (Clerk Typist/Door Girl-**Susan Olson**, P-2/DJ's **Victor Acevedo** and **Magligi "Jr." Nua**) put on a fun gig, with music, dancing, appetizers, and socializing. The money collected at the front door was used to buy Christmas gifts for underprivileged kids in Harbor. The famous Green Onion Restaurant was hopping with current, retired, and used to be, Harbor Personnel. There was an hourly raffle, and a special gift was given to my favorite Sgt. **Alan "Uncle Al" Pesanti**.

On the next day, Harbor Area had their station party. It was held at the elegant Ebell Banquet Hall in Long Beach. The party was a complete sell out, and the theme of the party was a "Rat Pack Christmas," paying homage to the cool and hip celebs of yesteryear like Dean

Martin, Frank Sinatra, Sammy Davis Jr., etc. Everyone showed up in their finest and coolest threads, and got to have a little casino fun. The casino winnings were raffle tickets for prize give-aways, such as a 50" Hitachi wide screen TV, won by P-3 **Liavaa "Mo" Moevao**. Harbor Captains **Pat Gannon** and **Paul Pesqueira** both donated a prize of working a shift in your place. Once again, P-3 **Liavaa "Mo" Moevao** won the shift donation from Capt. Gannon and Sgt.2 **Robert Teramura** won the shift donation from Capt. Pesqueira. Cool, huh? P-3 **John Urban** won a cordless phone system along with some Toyota brand souvenirs, and P-3 **Rodney Peacock** won a combo 20" color TV/with VCR. P-2 **Talya Higgs** won a DVD player, and D-2 **Chris Giles** won a basket full of USC souvenirs.

Congratulations and a standing ovation to P-3+1 **Teri Casey** for all her hard work in organizing the event. Likewise to her crew of P-2 **Teri Williams**, P-2 **Victor Pacheco**, P-2 **Danny Shry**, P-3 **Patricia Suarez**, P-3 **Janel Vega**, P-3+1 **John Pinto**, P-3+1 **Irmina Dumaplin**, and P-3 **Andrey Wilkins**. Special thanks to Det.3 **Brenda Cureton** and Sgt.1 **Scott Engedal** for helping out at the door with tickets, and to P-2 **Phil Clayson**, for being a very funny MC extraordinaire.

In Closing

A word to the wise, check the contents of your desk on occasion, because you never know what you will find. It's not unusual to see crabs in Harbor Division, but hey, this is going too far



Crusty the Crab visits Harbor Detectives.

when we find them in our desks. Some sneak used them for a couple of laughs, which we enjoyed at the expense of a certain Detective here, who shall remain nameless. As usual, don't forget to be smart, be sure, be sound, be safe, and keep on dancing.

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SPORTS BEAT

Sports Beat is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. For information about submissions to Sports Beat, please call the Sports Beat Info Line at (323) 221-5222, ext. 800.

LAPRAAC Sports Roundup

by Lew Snow
Sports Beat Editor

The final three months in 2003 arrived with a sudden impact. **Tony Adler's** sudden reassignment in October left LAPD without an Athletic Director. **Larry Moore's** accident in November left everyone in shock, along with the untimely passing of **Bill Stein** (long-time civilian supporter) and **Larry Moore** in December. In addition, the passing of **Kenny Taniguchi** (long-time civilian volunteer) back in April 2003 and the past year can be described as one of the most tragic years in recent LAPRAAC history.

On a personal note, yours truly, a 31-year veteran composing for law enforcement publications, can report that writing obituaries for people who are your close personal friends is one of the most difficult assignments any reporter can face. Each keystroke brings back another faded memory, each paragraph another forgotten story and each page a reminder that the person's presence in your life will soon become just another distant memory.

LAPRAAC and their departments are fortunate to have a great pool of talent upon which to draw from during these difficult times. **Brenda Crump** and **Charles Perry** stepped up to the free throw line to spearhead the basketball program. **Joe Oliveri** supervised the softball program, and **Chuck Foote** along with his volunteers took care of Baker to Vegas.

If anyone had a good alibi to throw up their hands and say "I give up", it would be Chuck and his volunteers. Chuck was faced with working without his partner for the first time in nearly 25 years. Chuck and his staff are driven by their love of the race, and admiration for the Revolver Club and the LAPD. But above all, their love for the fallen comrade has become the motivating factor to make sure the 20th annual Baker to Vegas Relay goes flawlessly. Perseverance being one of Larry's best personality traits has rubbed off on Chuck and the volunteer race staff.

In our last issue, we mentioned 2004 brings about many changes to the athletic program, and while there may be a few bumps in the beginning, we'll make the necessary adjustments. Larry and Bill's passing were two circumstances we sure weren't planning on. As we remember them, let's re-dedicate ourselves to insure their memory lives on by working even harder to preserve LAPD's reputation for having the best law enforcement athletic program in the world. Larry, Bill and Kenny would be proud to know that LAPRAAC is keeping their professionalism, work ethic, and tradition alive.

Softball Season Fast Approaches

The 2004 intra-departmental softball season is fast approaching with Rampart looking to repeat as Red Davis tournament champions. At press time, the date for the pre-season coaches meeting at the Elysian Park Academy (sometime in

February) had not been finalized. Stations or units interested in fielding a team this season should call the Sports Beat Info Line at (323) 221-5222 ext. 800. For further information contact Athletic Department Secretary **Debbie DeMond** at (323) 221-5222 ext. 221.

We Welcome Your Articles

Submitting an article for Sports Beat is the best way to get sports-related information out to a wide range of active and retired LAPD personnel. To be included we must receive articles – via

fax or e-mail – no less than three days before the end of current month: February 26 for April, March 28 for May, April 27 for June, etc.

E-mail articles to LAPDSportsBeat@aol.com or fax to (818) 957-4275. Even if you send notes with a contact name and phone number we can write a story that gets the word out. Photos are welcome – lower-res jpegs are preferred via e-mail (or indicate on your fax or e-mail you have photos and we'll contact you).

LAPD MX Team Ends 2003 Season

by Kevin Korne

Another season is over and we posted some great results. The last two rounds of the 2003 Nationals were held October 13-14 at Glen Helen Raceway in San Bernardino. This is home of the most rugged, rutted and gnarly track in the country. There's not a more demanding course for firefighters and police officers to go head-to-head than this piece of dirt.

On the first day there were several interesting events. The first, from my own experience, was when yours truly attempted to pass a group of riders on a steep downhill section and watched him-

There's no question that if there'd been a "bonehead" award, he would have been declared the winner.

Another exciting moment was watching **Rob Irvin** clean expert rider **Ed Nemiela's** clock both days in the 50cc class. It was amazing to watch Irvin clear the finish line table top on a little 50cc bike (if only he could do that on his 250...just kidding). Even more amazing was watching **Cosner** hole-shot one of his motos against pro rider **Ryan Hughes** (who came out to mix it up with our best). His glory did not last long as Ryno stuffed him into other riders on the second corner.

Results for Days 1 and 2 of the Nationals:

Name	Class	Day 1	Day 2
Charlie Beck	50+	3	1
	Vintage	1	1
Frank Brien	25-29 Novice	9	4
Rob Cosner	18-29 Expert	3	4
	30-39 Expert	5	4
	4 Stroke Expert	2	2
	Bomber	2	1
Mark Cleary	Quad	2	2
Vic Curti	50+		2
Don Hadfield	35-39 Novice	6	4
	Bomber	3	2
Mark Hubert	30-34 Beginner	11	
	4 Stroke Beginner	2	
Rob Irvin	35-39 Beginner	9	5
	50cc	1	1
Mike Kilpatrick	18-29 Intermediate	4	5
	4 Stroke Intermediate	5	2
Kevin Korne	25-29 Novice	2	3
	35-39 Novice	5	2
Kevin Standage	30-34 Beginner	7	

self fly over the handlebars (have to keep remembering "patience is a virtue"). The next was when **Frank Brien** went down in the muddiest and most rutted corner of the track. It took everything he had to pick up the bike and get started again. When he came back to the pits, Brien looked as if he'd taken a mud bath, but his wife said that's how he always looks. New team member **Kevin Standage** and **Mark Hubert** were out there showing their stuff. It was Hubert, however, who after finishing third after the first moto ran out of gas during his second round.

The team is looking forward to another successful season in 2004. If you're interested in just coming out to watch or joining the team contact **Cosner** at CTD or yours truly at Juvenile Narcotics (818-756-8345). Once again we'd like to thank our sponsors: FMF, 909, Acerbis, N-style, Maxxis, Troy Lee Designs, Hinson, Maxima, Wiseco, EVS and 661 for their support. Next up: 2004 Fire and Police Motocross Nationals on March 29-30.

BAKER TO VEGAS CHALLENGE CUP RELAY RACE Motor Team – Baker to Vegas Motors (Riders) Needed

On April 24th & 25th, the Los Angeles Police Revolver and Athletic Club will be sponsoring the 20th annual running relay event. The Motor Team supports the event by supplying skilled motorcycle riders who serve as Race Officials.

The function includes enforcement of Race Rules & Regulations related to race and traffic safety. Motorcycles are required to have 4-way flashers, with Family Radio Service (FRS) 2-way radio capability (a \$50 per diem covers the general FRS cost... FRS is simple to obtain). Licensed Amateur Radios are a real plus.

Those individuals, both sworn and non-sworn, who would like to assist in covering Motor Team assignments for the event are encouraged to contact us for further details on equipment and assignments available, plus per diem provision.

Motor Team Coordinator
Gary Krystof (LAPD Reserve) (818) 366-9431
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215 Teams Slated for 20th Annual Baker to Vegas Relay, April 24-25

At our press time, 215 teams, including three from outside North America, have signed up to compete in the 20th annual Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay. In addition, the traditional dual contingent from Calgary (Alberta), Canada, representing Queensland (Australia) Police Services, Berlin (Germany) Police Department and South Wales (United Kingdom) Police Services are scheduled to put rubber to asphalt on April 24-25.

Last year's race saw perennial top-four finisher San Diego Police finally get to take home the first place trophy. SDPD upended a Metro Division "Red" Team that was seeking its fifth victory in the last six races. The LAPD Women's team is looking to roll a lucky seven and extend a dynasty that finds Coach

Sherri Egan's runners unbeaten in all six races entered since 1995.

Other LAPD teams planning to participate are Air Support/Training, Central/CTD/OCB, Communications, Devonshire, Foothill, Hollenbeck, Hollywood, Jail, Metro "Blue," Narcotics, Newton, Northeast, North Hollywood, Pacific, Personnel, Rampart, Retired, 77th Street, Southeast, Southwest/STD, TRAP/BAD, Van Nuys, West L.A., West Valley and Wilshire. Cross-downtown rival Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department currently plans to field 31 teams.

Out-of-state entries include teams from Albuquerque (NM), P.D., Arizona Attorney General's Office, Dallas (TX) P.D., Navajo Tribe (AZ) P.D., Orem (UT)

Public Safety, Plano (TX) P.D., Salt Lake City (UT) P.D., and Seattle (WA) P.D.

The 120-mile course is virtually unchanged from the 2003 race with six start times planned: 1230, 1400, 1530, 1700, 1800 and 1830. Squads projecting the fastest finishes will start at 1800.

Biggest change for the 20th annual race is the loss of co-founder and co-coordinator **Larry Moore**, who died in December following a motorcycle accident the previous month. Race Coordinator **Chuck Foote**, who co-founded the race with Moore, reports that a

tribute is being planned at the Award Ceremonies on Sunday night, April 25.

Two more important team captain meetings remain before the race: February 25 and April 7 (both Wednesdays) at 1130 hours in the Elysian Park Academy Lounge. Specially priced \$105/night rooms at the Las Vegas Hilton (host hotel) are going fast, as are \$79/night rooms at the Silverton (finish line) and Riviera Hotels. For more information on lodging, car rentals or other race information, visit www.bakervegas.com. ♦

Three Thousand Received an Early Christmas from LAPD Centurion Baseball Team!

On December 13, 2003, it was a clear, sunny Saturday morning and 3,000 or more men, women and children from all over the city of Los Angeles came to the Police Academy to take part in the Centurion Baseball Team's 1st Annual Toy Giveaway and Party. LAPD Police Chaplain Officer **Ken Crawford** opened the event with prayer. Santa Claus

bags, games, play bouncers, face painting, balloons, music, and performances. Oh yeah, and let's not forget, toys, toys and more toys! As far as the eye can see they lined up. Starting at the gymnasium, then hooking around and continuing onto the track field. They all waited patiently, and no one left disappointed. Stars **Tia, Tamera**, and **Tahj Mowry** assisted with the toy giveaways, along with Santa Claus and a host of volunteers. One mother with four children wiped tears from her eyes as she said how thankful she was because times were so hard for her and her children, and she could not afford gifts this year. Others expressed their appreciation, but in most



Crowds formed early to receive tickets for free food & games.

arrived in the Historical Society's '58 Chevy police car, and with lights and sirens wailing, the crowd erupted in cheers. The crowd cheered even louder when special celebrity guests **Tia & Tamera Mowry** from "Sister, Sister" and **Tahj Mowry** from "Smart Guy" arrived and greeted the crowd. Police **Chief William Bratton** arrived and toured the event, taking the time to speak and greet with



Officer Cesar Corona, Officer Mike Scott & Chief William Bratton pose with celebrity guests **Tia & Tamera "Sister, Sister"** and **Tahj Mowry, "Smart Guy."**



Celebrity guests **Tia, Tamera, Tahj Mowry** along with Santa Claus greet the crowd.

everyone he came in contact. Other special guests included Los Angeles County District Attorney **Steve Cooley** and Los Angeles Police Commissioner Vice President **Alan Skobin**. Specialized units included an LAPD Air Support helicopter, Bomb Squad, SWAT, K-9, LAPD Motor Cross Team, DARE Division, Northeast Patrol Units, and USMC 2nd Battalion 23rd Marines. There were free hot dogs, chips, drinks, popcorn, cotton candy, snow cones, candy canes, goody

LAPD Centurion Baseball Team ended their 2003 season with two championships. They ended their year with 5,000 new fans!

For more information about the Centurion Baseball Team, contact Lt. **Tim Moss** or Officer **Ernie Fischer** at (818) 756-8291. For more information about the Centurions' 2004 charitable community events, contact Officer Mike Scott at (818) 268-2488 or e-mail scottsoldier@aol.com. ♦

IN MEMORIAM: I.M. 'Bill' Stein 1919-2003

by Lew Snow
Sports Beat Editor

Bill Stein, namesake of the award given annually for outstanding service to the Los Angeles Police Revolver and Athletic Club and LAPD athletic programs, died peacefully on December 24 at the age of 84 after a recent illness. He was one of only two civilians to have an award named in his honor (the other individual, **Kenji Taniguchi**, died in April).

retirement from NBC in the early 1980's, Mr. Stein was the point man whenever the Department needed celebrity guests at a function. "Christmas dinners, retirements, golf tournaments, fundraisers, no matter what, I could always talk a few celebrities into dropping by," he recalled. Mr. Stein arranged for top-drawer stars like **Bob Newhart**, **Don Rickles**, **Buddy Hackett**, **Danny Thomas**, **Sid Caesar**, **Jimmy Durante**, **Milton Berle**, **Jonathan Winters** and **Bill Cosby** to entertain at Department events.



Bill Stein in 1987 with good friends Lt. Dan Cooke (Public Affairs) and Chief Daryl Gates.

A retired entertainment industry executive, Mr. Stein had been at every Sports Awards Dinner from the event's inception in 1954 until failing health prevented him from attending after 2001.

For nearly four decades Mr. Stein, West Coast Vice President of media contacts for NBC, was the Department's private pipeline to the biggest names in Hollywood. "I always had a soft spot for cops," he reminisced in an article published in the March 2002 *The Thin Blue Line*. That soft spot brought a literal show business Hall of Fame to hundreds of LAPD functions starting in the mid-1950s.

From those first Sports Awards until

In recognition of his service to LAPD Mr. Stein was awarded a lifetime press pass by the Department and made the only lifetime honorary member of the Revolver Club. In the late 1970's LAPRAAC recognized his contributions to the Los Angeles Police Department by creating the Bill Stein Award, given annually at the Sports Awards Dinner to an individual for his/her outstanding dedication, service and support of the Revolver Club and the Department's athletic programs.

Sons **Michael** and **Robert**, daughter-in-law **Jamie Marx-Stein** and grandchildren **Ivory**, **Addicus** and **Ricky** survive Mr. Stein. LAPRAAC and the Department mourn his loss. ♦

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SPORTS BEAT

Ret. Athletic Director Larry Moore Succumbs to Injuries Suffered in Motorcycle Accident

by Lew Snow
Sports Beat Editor

Retired LAPD Athletic Director **Larry Moore** succumbed Friday, December 19, to massive injuries suffered in a horrific motorcycle accident 44 days earlier near Las Vegas, Nevada. Officer Moore, father of the "Toughest Cop Alive" contest and co-founder of the Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay, was a 31 year Department veteran who served 15 years as the Department's second athletic director (succeeding Bob Burke in late 1979). Officer Moore, a veteran of 13-years astride a motorcycle, was on his way home to Rancho Mirage on Thursday morning November 6, when he lost control of his motorcycle after crossing railroad tracks on a little-traveled stretch of road outside Primm, Nevada. By a divine act, some French tourists soon

treatment when death came suddenly that Friday evening.

A hometown hero, Lawrence James Moore was born June 30, 1941, in Glendale, just a few months before World War II. That same year the 21-year-old took a job driving a truck for Schlitz and was teamed up with **Jerry Petievich** who worked as a full-time LAPD officer. The rest, as they say, is history.

He had only one problem, the

Crimes Division, recalls her father visiting her elementary school on his motor, and her coming home one day after a classmate called her father a "pig" and her a "piglet."

"Dad said he was proud to be a 'pig' — it stood for 'pride,' 'integrity' and 'guts' — and that I should be proud to be a 'piglet,'" she said. "That became one of our catchwords. He taught us (Kara and sister **Kelly** [Soper, who works at

Memorial Run, Semi-annual Bench Press, and establishing regular sports coverage in the Los Angeles Police Protective League's newspaper *The Thin Blue Line*. In addition, Karaoke and Comedy Nights at the Academy Lounge became standard.

Officer Moore had an explanation for his success: "Ronald Reagan once was asked what made him so successful. He replied, 'I surround myself with successful people.' I tried to do the same.

Following retirement, he continued to be intimately involved with the LAPD athletic program, working as co-coordinator of the Baker to Vegas Relay and volunteering as an official or announcer at the bench press competition and other events. He also continued to compete for the Department in state, national and international police competition.

Officer Moore, a long-time member of the Revolver Club board of directors, served twice as President and was named to its Hall of Fame in



discovered him and flagged down a Union Pacific Railroad worker for assistance. Officer Moore was airlifted to the trauma unit at University Hospital in Las Vegas with massive injuries over most of his body.

At the beginning of December, his condition had improved to where doctors were able to wean him out of the coma. Although under heavy sedation, and on a ventilator, he was able to recognize and communicate with family members. Plans were being formulated to transfer him to a hospital closer to Los Angeles for continued rehabilitative

Department height requirement was 5'8", and on his tiptoes, he barely made the limit. Following assignments at Central and Highland Park (now Northeast) Divisions he began a long stint doing what he loved, riding a motor for Traffic Enforcement and Valley Traffic. He also developed a deep love for the Department. Daughter **Kara Clifford**, who works at Commercial

Communications Division)) to have pride and integrity in our lives. He taught us how to envision our goals and achieve our dreams."

In late 1979 Officer Moore was handpicked to succeed **Bob Burke** as LAPD Athletic Director and thrust into a long-time partnership that ran nearly a quarter-century with Officer **Chuck Foote**, then assistant operations officer of the Revolver Club. "Having the opportunity to have a partner is a great experience," said Foote, who retired a few years after Moore.

It took the pair a little time to warm up to one another, Officer Moore recalled in the 1995 interview. "I just couldn't put a finger on him." Foote had a saying, "Hey, I can do anything — I'm the toughest man alive" that really peeved the new athletic director and put into motion a challenge that evolved into the Toughest Cop Alive competition. "Larry came up with this contest and I was lucky to stay alive," Foote recalled.

During this period, Officer Moore had a hand in creating events such as: The

1979. He also served as an officer of the California Police Athletic Federation and board member of the World Police and Fire Games Federation.

Funeral mass was held Monday, December 29, at Holy Family Catholic Church in Glendale. Father **Bill Caffrey** (a Department chaplain and close family friend) officiated before a standing-room crowd that included Chief **William Bratton** and many members of the command staff, retired Chief **Daryl Gates**, Councilman **Dennis Zine**, officers from dozens of police agencies in Southern California, friends and family. Following a motor escort Officer Moore was interred at Forest Lawn Glendale will full Department honors, including a color guard, 18-gun salute, taps, and end-of-watch broadcast.

Officer Moore is survived by his daughters **Kerry** and **Kelly**, former wife **Judy** (with whom he remained close), and long-time companion **Terry Johnson**.

Women's Soccer Team Seeks Players

The LAPD Women's Soccer Team is currently looking for officers interested in signing up for this year's matches. Planned competitions include the "Stop the Violence" Indoor Tournament (Washington, D.C.) in March, the California Police and Fire Summer Games (Stockton) in June and the North American Police Soccer Championships (Calgary, Canada) in September.

In addition, the team is preparing a potential bid for the 2005 World Games, as well as considering participation in several recreational/corporate tournaments over the next two years. These will be held in San Diego, Las Vegas, Florida, New Orleans and the Bahamas.

If interested, please contact Sgt. Shannon Paulson, Newton Patrol Adjutant, at (323) 846-6524 or via the Department LANS. ♦

RETIREMENT NEWS



The Retirement News is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. Retirees may submit articles for publication. Deadline for submission is the 1st of the month for the following month's issue date.

The Inland Blue Line

by Loyd H. Yandle

I thought the January issue would be my last article, but in my golden years I forgot that we were having our final luncheon on Jan. 14. So I found an excuse to write one more article.

I would like to thank all of you that called me or sent me cards and letters telling me how much you enjoyed reading my article. Well from here on out, without the Inland Blue Line, I won't have anything to write about. This is the first of the month (January) so I can't tell you what happened at the January 14th luncheon. I can tell you that we should have a good crowd. I already have 85 reservations, and it is only January 2nd. It looks like we should round out about 125 or more.

Larry Walton is coming from Texas, cowboy boots, ten gallon hat and all. Goldsberry is coming from Arizona. He and his lovely wife have missed only one luncheon since they joined. Charlie Albright is coming from Utah, if all goes well. Ernie Neuman is coming from Gig Harbor, Washington. No, he is not riding his Harley. Too cold and much snow and rain. Bert Hide from Pagosa Springs, Colorado, called and said come hell or high water he will be here for the last luncheon. I have had about ten calls from non-members telling me they would like to come. I told them come on, the more the merrier.

Can you believe that Jay Snow is canceling a golf tournament to come to the last luncheon? Jay and Edith were the original group back in 1983. Jay tells me that Edith has macular degeneration and has lost her eyesight, except for peripheral vision. That is what George Surber has had for two years. George called me the other day and said thank God for his police friends. He don't miss out on much. They take him everywhere.

Gourney Turner wrote me that he is still going strong at 89 years. He and his caretaker (he says) travel everywhere in their motor home. Been all around the U.S.A. Now this spring they are motor-ing up to Anchorage, Alaska. As you all know, Gourney rode Motors on the job and was a hell of a motor officer to boot. In the old days when they only wore gar- rison type hats they took all kinds of chances, but no one got away. Can't you

just see all these car-chasers of today speeding up and down the freeways, endangering other drivers. Had it been in the 1940s through the 1960s, they would not have gone two miles when some motor jockey would have climbed their tail and would run them off the road. Remember how these old time motor officers would never give up until they had their man? Not chase them like today for 10 or 20 or even 100 miles. I am surprised that we did not read about



some old retired motor officer who owned a Harley Davidson who was listening to these chases today hop on his Hog and get into the chase. I can tell you here and now if it had happened, the chase would have ended before it got started. Guys like Gourney Turner, Ernie Neuman, Mel Tousseau, Pete Pettys, Joe Rucharber, Kelly Thornson, Bob Tucker, just to name a few. I had respect for all the old timers. They were all a close-knit group. Those were the days.

We lost two good retirees during December. Walt Peters died of pneumonia in Kaiser Hospital in the Valley, and Stuart Sipma passed away in Duluth, Minn. from complications of Lou Gehrig's Disease. Both were members of the Inland Blue Line and rarely missed a gathering, except for health reasons. We will surely miss them. I had the honor of working with both of these

guys. Our hearts go out to their families. Please accept our sympathy from the whole Inland Blue Line. For that matter, let's include the whole retired LAPD. They were loved by so many.

Well I had no takers to carry on the Inland Blue Line. I gave them two years to come forward. I really hated to see it die, but at my age it just got too much for me to handle alone. Jay Snow told me that the old 77th group that meets every June for three days just turned that club over to a couple of much younger retirees, so it is still going strong. They get rooms for practically nothing. I think it is only \$35 per room. It is the greatest get together for three days, gambling, Golf and the food and drinks are super. I used to work 77th Detectives. I am going in June if it don't snow and the creek don't rise. Jay told me it is now not just limited to the 77th group, but any retarded...excuse me, I meant to say retirees are welcome. Watch *Thin Blue Line* on who to call. You'll be glad you did. You will see retirees that you have not seen since you retired. That's what happened at the Inland Blue Line.

For anyone interested in visiting a retired breakfast in Temecula, Bill Frommeling got a small group together and they met the first Wednesday of the month. Everyone orders and pays for what he eats. They just have a bull session and each month Bill tells me it is growing. So you can contact Bill Frommeling at 1-909-308-4510 for location and all particulars. See you there.

I had someone ask me the other day, Yandle, what made you decide to join the police department? Well, it just so happened that I have always wanted to be a cop. It all started out when I was two years old. I knew from the start and so did my mother. She saw me on how I took to pretty girls. I don't like to brag,

but I was a cute baby and pretty girls would come up to my buggy when my mother took me for a walk or out shopping. They would come up and talk baby talk to me and tickle me under the chin. I knew then and there I would have to go undercover and discover more about these pretty girls. That's when I went undercover. My mother had taken me to the park one summer day. And since at an early age I liked to play dress up, I donned one of my father's old ties, put on my undercover ball cap, and a pair of shades. I crawled out onto the grass and placed myself in a position of advantage. Well, it wasn't long before I spotted a victim. She was standing not far from me and was shooting a camera and was preoccupied with what she was shooting, which gave me an edge. She had not noticed me, since I was undercover. Well I started my investigation and I soon found out why I was interested in girls. That is why ever since that day I started chasing girls and right then and there I knew I wanted to be an undercover cop. See the picture which adorns this article and you will see what I mean.

Well in 1949 I did join the police department, and like before, I worked undercover. And believe you me, some of those girls out there swing a mean fist. Well one didn't and I married her. Beverly and I were married 60 years. Now I don't do any undercover work. I just sit in my rocker and watch the girls go by. They all yell at me "How you doing, grandpa?" I just lift my cane and wave and say, "Hanging in there, just hanging in there," then I pull my shawl up over my shoulders and go back to snoozing. End of story.

God bless you all. Just remember this old man who once was a great undercover cop, at two years old that is. ❖

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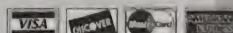
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Valley Retired Blues

by Clinton O. Erickson

Our next meeting will be on February 18, 2004, at "The Lamplighter" restaurant located on the corner of DeSoto Ave. and Nordhoff St. We meet every month on the third Wednesday in the bar/lounge area of the restaurant. There is no set start time, so you may arrive anytime after 10:30 a.m. Coffee is available until orders are taken. All LAPD officers, wives/friends (active or retired) are welcome to attend. We have no membership dues and time is spent renewing friendships and reminiscing.

We had 30 attending the December 17th luncheon. The following attended: **Bob Baker** (7839), **Ted Debs** (6808), **Emmett Drennen** (3279), **Hilliard** (Curly) **Elliott** (4534), **Pat and Ray** (5607) **Elmer**, **Clinton Erickson** (5608), **Bill Feddersen** (4823), **John W. Grogan** (11852), **John Kepke** (4603), **Boris Menegheli** (3522), **George Moore** (10565), **Lou Netza** (7655), **Paul Nicholas** (4047), **Les Nolte** (10821), **Jake Orbus** (5407), **Bill Powers** (6093), **John Redmond** (4066), **Bob Reeves** (6874), **Dan Ricketts** (11163), **Duane** (Whitey) **Ryburn** (3981), **J. R. Schiller** (10992), **Guy Schlotzhauer** (2804), **Ted Sproul** (7737), **Stuart Stremsterfer** (4394), **Mel Tousseau** (3270), **Dick Weaver** (11181), **Earl Wells** (6297), **John White** (12951), and **Clem Zumel** (4495).

Bill Powers from Red Bluff, CA, John Redmond and John White were first-time attendees. There is room for additional 15 to 20 attendees, so mark your calendars and plan to attend. If you need

more information, please contact me at the numbers listed below.

Since this is the last list of attendees for 2003, I want to let you know we had 109 different officers, wives and friends at least at one of the meetings this year. There were 28 having attended 5 or more times, and 2 that attended every luncheon. Now that the Inland Empire meetings have ceased, maybe some of those officers, wives and friends will attend our lunches occasionally. We don't have dues and generally no formal program, so the only expense is the fuel and food if desired, but a lot of visiting and renewing of old experiences while working together.

In June we only had 22 in attendance, but in January there were 45. So if some of you out of the local area are in the L.A. area visiting, make plans to have lunch with us on the third Wednesday of each month.

I know there are a lot of you that worked in the Valley and live in this area and hope you will come and join your old friends for a great bull session. Call me at (818) 340-2430 or e-mail at clintsr@pacbell.net if you want or have information of interest for us at the Lamplighters.

Our meeting information and attendees are on www.larfpa.com. The names appear on the Web site about a month prior to seeing them in the *Blue Line* column. Hope to see some more new faces at the next meeting in February, and if you don't remember the date, remember it is always the third Wednesday of each month. ♦

Sacramento Area Blue Line Association (SABLA)

by Bernie Remas

Happy Valentine's Day

All of you should be shopping at your local Hallmark store for that certain Valentine's Day card! Now I know some of you guys and gals have probably already got that perfect card stashed away! Good for you! Don't forget to sign it and bring it out on February 14th.

I'm having to "do" mine some 3,000 miles away from you because **Judy** and I escaped the cold and wintry Sacramento area weather in January. So we're safe 'n sane for the time being, back here in the warmth and sunshine of the Florida Gulf coast!

My golf game is much improved here. The "pro" here says, "Bernie, you should be able to break 100...sometime this year!" Some "pro" he is!

It's been a while, but our SABLA men and women got together for a great Christmas luncheon on December 18, 2003, to celebrate the holiday season. And a great luncheon it was at Del Webb's Roseville Sun City Lodge.

Traveling from the farthest distance was **Ed and Mary Lou Slattery**, all the way from **Parker, AZ**. He did get a break on his "motel bill." His daughter lives in Sacramento. But it was great having both of them join us here in SABLAland.

Hoy Key and **Wilma Laycock** were at our table. They're waiting for winter to pass, 'cause they're going on a European River cruise this next month. Hoy insists that there is no connection between being the SABLA treasurer and all the cruises that Wilma and he have been taking. I was just kidding...again. Judy and I are anxious to hear their summary of that cruise. We've been looking at doing a similar cruise, but later in '04.

We did have a great luncheon and saw a few faces we haven't seen for a time. One was one of SABLA's founders, **Lew Ritter** and wife **Grace**. Also, there were **Norm and Eileen Roberge**, **Bill & Ruby Wilhelm**, **Bob & Ferna Keel**, **Gene & Bonnie DeCrona** were seen visiting. **John Lestelle** was in from Grass Valley with family. **Al Ferrone** and wife **Gerda** were there. Did you miss us?? Shame!

Santa didn't come by, but we had the wildest raffle after lunch. **Ed & Cindy Lewandowski** devised this raffle, I'm told. With help from our SABLA chair,

Carl & wife Ellie Kuehn, we had gifts "flying" all over the room. If you liked a gift already given to one SABLA person, you could literally "steal it" away from the recipient. A gift could only be "stolen" three times. **Richard Nevarrez**, the "poor guy," was after a large jar of pistachio nuts. He did have them for a while, but I believe he finally lost them after a couple of tries! **Bill & Muriel McMonagle** were there, as were **Chuck & Lorrie Ward**. What a fun group this was for the holidays! **Tony & Carolyn Baldassano**, **Jim Byrd**, **Ken & Betty Carlsted** were all there. **Roy Kerton & wife LaDonna** were there from Elk Grove. Roy is still recovering from a stroke, but he's mastered the temporary use of his chair and gets around well.

We had a group photo taken on the banquet room's stage. **Carmen Long** asked me if I'd help **Charlie Long** to climb the stairs up to the stage. I said sure, but who's gonna help me? **Dennis McDonald** did join us onstage. **Ed Lewandowski** has promised all of us an 8X10 copy of the photo!

George Puddy came in a little late with a guest I haven't seen in a long time—**Avon Koenig**! We didn't get a chance to visit, but she looks great! The party is now over, but a good time was had by all!

In a recent *Blue Line*, I read where my "old" buddy **Loyd Yandle** has "pulled the pin" with *Inland Blue Line* group. We've been "together" for so many years. I first met him at *Hollywood Detectives* around 1964(?). That's almost 40 years! Then we've been scribes together for the *Blue Line* for I don't know how many years. But it's been a great "ride"! Right, **Loyd**? Hang in there! There is always good news ahead! God bless you and may He watch over you!

The next report from SABLAland will be penned by **Ed Lewandowski**! I'll see everybody in May, '04, just in time for Sacramento's Jazz Jubilee, Memorial Day weekend!

The regular luncheon will be Thursday, February 12, 2004, at *Friends Restaurant*, Highway 50 and Zinfandel. Get outta the house and bring your "lady"! It's in time for Valentine's Day!

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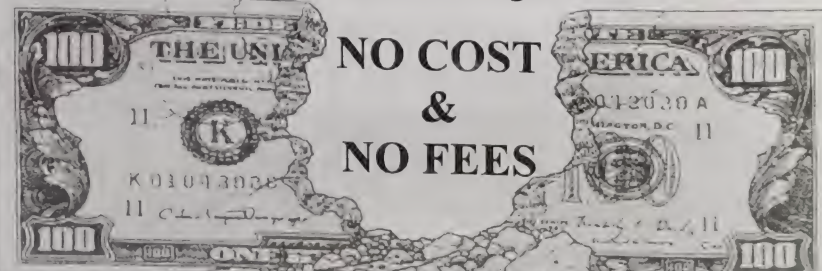
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Old Blue Running Team

by Mike McKean

Our December 7th run at Griffith Park was held on one of those days where the weatherman had predicted a 70 percent chance of rain. Lately the weatherman has a 40 percent chance of being correct. On this day he was not correct, and that made it a perfect day for a nice "jog in the park."

We had some "new" faces out for the run. For the running team, **Tim Saucerman** made his debut. He made a couple of wrong turns, yet still finished ahead of the pack. Making his first appearance since being "fully" retired, **Ron McCall** dropped by all the way from Reno, Nevada. From Utah, **Bob Bloomer** also dropped by. Says the weather is a little warmer here. For the

support team, **Phil Butler** made his inaugural appearance.

The "usual" runners were Co-captain **Chuck McTaggart**, **Mike Arroyo**, and **Keith Allen**. Support personnel were **Diane Harber** and **Mike McKean**.

A big welcome back to **Jay Hernando** who looks good after his recent prostate surgery.

One of our Co-captains, his honor **Mel Sandvig** had a slight accident. While at home putting up the Christmas lights, he went up a little too high on the ladder. He took the quick way down, not using the steps and now has a broken bone in his foot. He is on the mend and will be ready by race date.

Our team photographer was unable to attend due to the death of his brother in Louisiana. Our prayers are with you.

The Central Coast Fuzz That Wuzz

by Dave Aikins

Hello, everyone. Well, 2004 is already starting to roll by like gangbusters. Is it me or do all of the retirees have this feeling that life is roaring by like a wild man screaming down Highway 101 on a Harley? Most of the retired LAPD guys and others I gather around seem to think so. I guess keeping busy doing what we like to do has some impact on this phenomena. I found you have to follow your dreams and not be afraid to take a few risks. Sometimes this can lead to frustration and disappointment. However, the feeling of accomplishment is well worth it after a few struggles. As we get older, it's easy to get comfortable and ease into a rut and not even realize it. So, whatever is your fancy—golf, travel, tennis, softball, reading, or just hanging out with your golden retriever on the beach (mine), enjoy it, as it goes by much too fast.

Speaking of good times, The Fuzz Gang had a fun year with our four events—the luncheon at the Inn at Morro Bay, the picnic at Pavilion Lake in Atascadero, the auction at Rosa's in Pismo Beach, and finally our Christmas Party at the beautiful Madonna Inn in San Luis Obispo. All of them were well attended by our regulars as well as many newcomers, who are always welcome. **Paul & Stella Mattson** were instrumental in putting these great events together, as was **Judy Aikins**. We all seemed to work well together and had the best interests of the Fuzz Gang always in mind. We appreciated the help and support of Fuzz Gang along the way. This year, after an enjoyable few years working on the Fuzz Committee, Judy and I are being relieved by **Jeff & Melissa Watkins** (Thanks, Guys). They will make a powerful team working with Paul and Stella and will put together some great events.

A few attaboys from last year are appropriate here. Stella Mattson was

instrumental in getting our fabulous guest speakers from the L.A. Police Credit Union in March. Judy and Stella also lined up the menu, which was awesome. **Taylor Hilden** got the line dancers for our entertainment in June. Paul Mattson did a super job as our auctioneer at the luncheon in September with help from **Sam Lopez** and **Tom Zwinger**. Stella also amazingly kept track of who bought what with how much. **Brian & Cathy Galbraith** supplied the poinsettias for the Christmas party, and Jeff & Melissa Watkins stored all 56 of the Christmas gifts that were purchased. A special kudos to **Bruno & Ellen Tonin** for providing so many wonderful gifts from their gift shop, Ellen's Cottage, located in Cambria. Brian Galbraith and Sam Lopez made our fancy new hopper from which to pull out our raffle tickets. By the way, **Joe Hilden** won the \$150 grand prize at the Christmas party.

Fred Tuggey did a real super thing. He put together a design for our new Central Coast Fuzz That Wuzz golf shirts, baseball caps and sun visors. The items came out really nice and were a hit at the Christmas party. Thanks, Fred, for the nice work.

Had a nice visit from **Walt Kainz** and his lovely wife, Do (Yeah, I spelled it right), who are living in Camarillo. Walt, who retired after 29 years of service, and Do enjoy coming up to the central coast and plan to attend one of our upcoming Fuzz functions. We had a lot to catch up on. Walt is currently doing security work with another West Valley alumnus, **J.J. Thompson**. It's wonderful to see and hear about good friends and how they are doing in their retirement.

Well, that's it. Our directory will be out in March.

Take care, and catch us at pismoguyngal@charter.net. KMA.

We also were missing some personnel because of the flu bug. Remember to get your flu shots and take precautions to keep well.

Our next run is scheduled for February 1, 2004, at the usual location behind the Ranger Station Headquarters in Griffith Park. After the run we have

our "Sunday Brunch" at "The Green" on Los Feliz Blvd. This time we should be able to hear each other talk. In December, the "Love Run" had every Harley Davidson M/C pass within 50 feet of our table. We needed someone like James Bond to keep the M/C away from our location.

More Retirement News on next page

Retirement Corner

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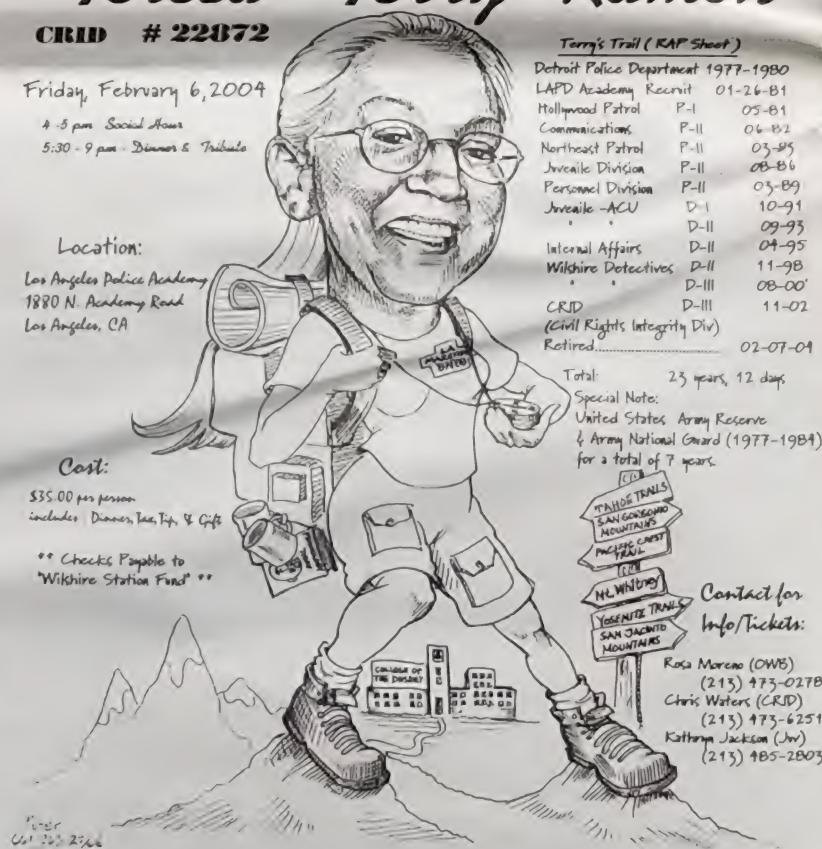


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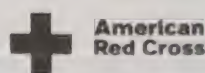
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February 6	Teresa Ramon	1600	1730
February 12	S.A.B.L.A.	1100	1200
February 18	Valley Retired Blues	1030	
February 21	Denny Fuller	1800	1900
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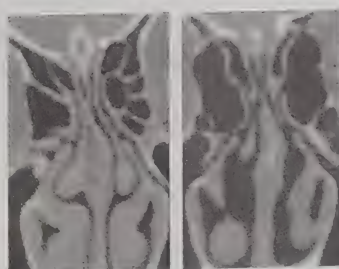
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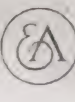
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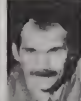
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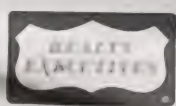
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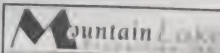
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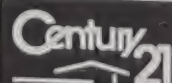


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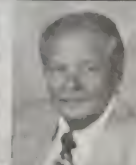
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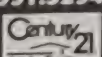
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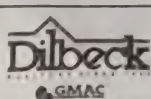
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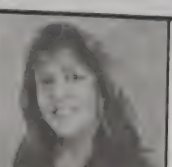
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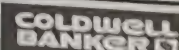
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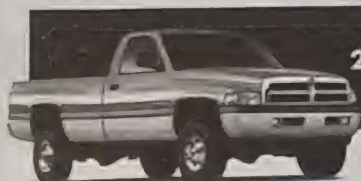
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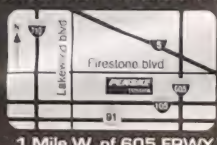
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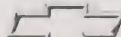
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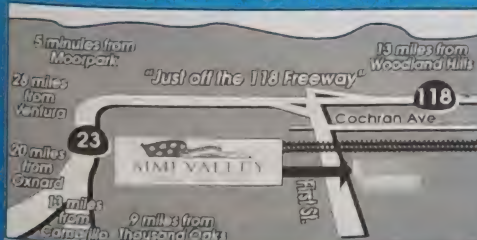
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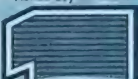
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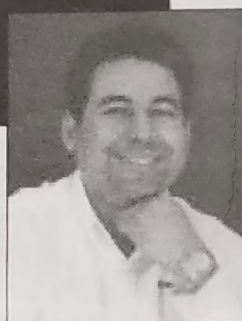
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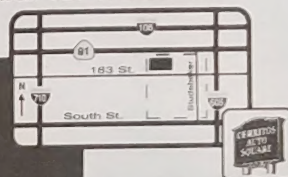
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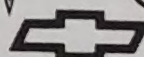
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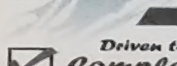
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